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Modai, Orgad assure: 'Patam accounts won't be touched'

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The outgoing Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai and his successor Yitzhak Mordechai, went out of their way yesterday to assure the public that there will be no changes in the regulations governing foreign-linked *patam* accounts. Modai emphatically denied any notion of taxing these accounts, saying the Law for the Protection of Public Savings does not permit taxation.

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Modai said that the repertoire of measures that might be taken is well known to the public, but the public should not be subjected to them. The target will be government bonds, he said.

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during the last four weeks. Thus, there was no need for a single large devaluation at the present time.

With the approval of the new government by the Knesset, the Alignment is planning ahead for the distribution of senior posts in government corporations. A senior Labour source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that according to the Bank of Israel Law, there can be two deputy governors of the central bank. This means the Alignment could send one of its men to fill the post as a compensation for the fact the Alignment does not have many economic portfolios in the cabinet.

Before leaving office, Cohen-Or decided to publish an announcement offering local and foreign investors the purchase of the government's controlling shares in the Paz oil corporation. But according to Labour sources, this initiative will not go through and the corporation will remain in government hands.

Peres forms gov't backed by 97 MKs 'to measure up to urgent challenges'

Anti-Shamir revolt brews

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent
Malcontents inside the Herut wing of the Likud bloc were last night organizing another minor revolt against the authority of party leader Yitzhak Shamir, who last night became deputy prime minister and foreign minister.

Fifteen of the 25 Herut Knesset members signed a petition to Shamir asking him to convene the Herut wing immediately after the Knesset session to appoint a Herut man as deputy minister of defence.

Two moving spirits behind the petition were Yoram Aridor, chairman of the Herut secretariat, and Elihu Ben-Elissar, former chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. Aridor (Continued on Page 13)

BY AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Shimon Peres last night became Israel's eighth prime minister.

The unity government was approved by the Knesset by 89 to 18. The sole abstention came from Shimon's Mordchai Virshubski. Voting against were the Citizens Rights Movement, Tehiya, Mapam, Hadash, the Progressive List for Peace, and Kach.

The great moment for the 61-year-old veteran Labour Party leader came after a long and tiring day at the Knesset that included the long on-again off-again exercise of signing the national unity government

agreement by the Alignment and Likud.

Originally scheduled for the morning, the signing ceremony — for "technical" reasons — did not take place until close to four p.m.

It was only at 4:10 p.m. that Speaker Shlomo Hillel rapped his gavel and announced: "I have received a communication from Knesset Member Shimon Peres saying, 'I wish to inform you that I have formed a government. Please convene the house so that I may present the members of my government and ask for the Knesset's vote of confidence.'"

Speaking in measured tones, Peres told the MKs: "This morning before dawn I notified the president

that I have formed a government, a national unity government, that includes the Alignment, Likud, National Religious Party, Shas, Shinui, Morasha and Agudat Yisrael. These parties reflect a representation of 97 members of Knesset."

Peres described the new government as one "setting out burdened with our people's hopes — hopes that include finding the common ground that unites Israelis of dissimilar political views, and finding a solution to the many urgent challenges facing us."

Though the new government is starting at a time of economic crisis, "our country is blessed with human resources and a sense of personal devotion. These can readily be recruited to build a modern productive

society that can compete with the most advanced countries in the world in the fast-growing fields of science and technology."

In the military-security sphere, Peres continued, "our main objective is to ensure the security of Galilee communities and the early return of our soldiers from Lebanon. Israel will continue to be a peace-loving country that relies not on miracles but only on its military

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CABINET MEMBERS

Before the Knesset vote of confidence, the new head of government Shimon Peres read to the legislature the proposed list of cabinet members, beginning with himself, his deputy and two vice-premiers: Shimon Peres, prime minister and minister of interior and religious affairs (Alignment-Labour); Yitzhak Shamir, deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs (Likud-Herut); Yitzhak Navon, vice-premier and minister of education and culture (Alignment-Labour); David Levy, vice-premier and minister of construction and housing (Likud-Herut).

Peres continued with the rest in Hebrew alphabetical order:

Moshe Arens, minister without portfolio (Likud-Herut);
Yosef Burg, minister without portfolio (National Religious Party);
Haim Bar-Lev, minister of police, after the Knesset approves its separation from the Interior Ministry (Alignment-Labour);
Mordchai Gur, minister of health (Alignment-Labour);
Yigael Harelitz, minister without portfolio (Ometz, Alignment quota);
Ezer Weizman, minister in the prime minister's office (Alignment-Yahad).

Gad Ya'acobi, minister of economics and planning (Alignment-Labour);
Yitzhak Moda'i, minister of finance (Likud-Liberal);
Aryeh Nehamkin, minister of agriculture (Alignment-Labour);
Moshe Nissim, minister of justice (Likud-Liberal);
Yitzhak Peretz, minister without portfolio (Shas Sephardi Torah Observers, Likud quota);
Gideon Patt, minister of science and development (Likud-Liberal);
Ya'acov Tsur, minister of aliya absorption (Alignment-Labour);
Haim Coria, minister of transport (Likud-Herut);
Moshe Katzav, minister of labour and social affairs (Likud-Herut);
Yitzhak Rabin, minister of defence (Alignment-Labour);
Amnon Rubinstein, minister of communication (Shinui, Alignment quota);
Moshe Shalev, minister of energy and infrastructure (Alignment-Labour);
Yosef Shapira, minister without portfolio (Morasha, Likud quota);
Ariel Sharon, minister of industry and trade (Likud-Herut);
and Avraham Shafir, minister of tourism (Likud-Liberal).

Mapam MKs formalize split from Alignment

The six Mapam Knesset members in the Alignment faction yesterday wrote to Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel that they have decided to leave the Alignment and form a separate faction.

It would be called the Mapam faction, they said.

Last-minute haggling precedes final accord

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent
Six Likud and six Labour leaders put their signatures yesterday afternoon to the coalition agreement. With the basic policy guidelines it will form one of the pillars of the national unity coalition that received the confidence of the Knesset.

Yahad signed with the Likud and Labour, but the other coalition partners added their signatures much later, after long-drawn-out arguments that threatened to postpone the Knesset session as well as the signing ceremonies.

Premier-designate Shimon Peres signed first, and Premier Yitzhak Shamir signed second. The text of the coalition agreement had been typed early in the morning, but it bore hand written additions and corrections.

The mood at the signing ceremony was warm and friendly, and in short speeches by Peres and Shamir, the latter displayed the most emotion at the unusual rapprochement between the two major parties.

At dawn yesterday, the negotiators had parted company, planning to meet for the signing ceremony at 10 a.m. But there was still disagreement between the religious

factions and the two large parties.

Labour said it was ready to sign at 10, but the Likud's David Levy (then, as now, vice-premier and construction and housing minister) asked to delay the event until a last-minute effort was made to get the religious factions in.

At dawn, the National Religious Party had suggested that Peres keep the interior and religious affairs portfolios for three months until the situation became clearer. This did not satisfy Shas. But after 10 a.m., Shamir met Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Meir Shas and apparently gave him a verbal undertaking that within a month or two at the most, Shas would get either the interior or religion portfolio.

Peres then added his verbal endorsement of Shamir's promise, and Shas announced that portfolios no longer constituted a problem.

The compromise was accepted by the National Religious Party. It was generally assumed that Shas would prefer and get the Religious Affairs Ministry, while the NRP would prefer and get the Interior Ministry.

But there remained another obstacle, which worried the Aguda and Morasha: the issue of coalition (Continued on Page 13)

Several top cabinet members expected to visit U.S. soon

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON — Reagan administration officials expect a series of high-level Israeli visits to Washington in the coming weeks, including Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai.

Now that a national unity government has been formed, they said, the U.S. and Israel can start serious discussion on ways to ease Israel's economic problems.

Secretary of State George Shultz, other senior American policymakers are prepared to help Israel with additional U.S. financial assistance,

but make it conditional on a new, specific Israeli economic-recovery blueprint.

A senior financial minister is expected to arrive next week for talks with the Reagan administration and to attend the annual International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings. Bank of Israel governor, Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, is also expected.

Shamir will probably attend the opening session of the UN General Assembly at the end of the month, and deliver Israel's speech early in October. He is also likely to come to Washington and meet with Shultz and other officials.

At the Israel Embassy in Washington,

ton yesterday, diplomats said it was unlikely that Peres would come to the U.S. with Shamir — although the premier is expected here — perhaps next month — to meet President Ronald Reagan, other influential officials, key Congress members and the U.S. Jewish leadership.

Meanwhile in Congress, a House appropriations subcommittee agreed by voice vote that the entire \$1.2 billion economic portion of the aid measure be made available to Israel in one lump sum in the coming weeks. But most of the \$1.4b. military grant will remain in the U.S. to cover the costs of buying U.S. military hardware.

The only exception will be \$250

million earmarked for use in Israel in connection with the development of the Lav fighter plane.

A House trade subcommittee passed authorizing legislation for the free-trade area, sending it to the full Ways and Means Committee for consideration next week as well.

Israel is opposing a pending motion to eliminate textiles from the agreement. U.S. textile manufacturers are seeking such protection.

In a related development on Capitol Hill, national security adviser Robert McFarlane was due to meet last night with key House members to discuss pending legislation to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

WFS ANALYSIS/Avi Temkin

Modai's economy will be in volatile hands

NEXT finance minister, Yitzhak Modai, has a reputation for being unpredictable. Those who tried to forecast his next steps found it a risky matter.

Thus there is a danger in trying to see what is likely to happen in someone as volatile as Modai to deal with a 400-per-cent rate of inflation, a dwindling level of foreign currency reserves, a large gap in the balance of payments and an over-tense public holding its breath for the next wave of economic shocks.

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To be fair to the new minister, it must be said that over the years he has developed his own views about the state of the economy. At times it seemed that the basic principle governing his actions was to demand exactly the opposite of what the current finance minister was doing.

Since 1977, Modai has clashed with almost every one of the Likud ministers who has filled the Treasury post. Only Yigael Hurvitz seemed to earn his respect.

In 1978-79, when the late Simcha Ehrlich was finance minister, Modai publicly described his policies as "a flop." For months he was in open rebellion against the leader of his own Liberal Party, going as far as presenting the cabinet with his own alternative to the budget prepared by Ehrlich and his aides.

Of Yoram Aridor, Modai once

said that he should have been court-martialed. Time after time he accused the Herut finance minister of not presenting his plans to the cabinet and of endangering the economy. There is no doubt that he has the greatest contempt for Aridor.

Neither Aridor nor Ehrlich took his insults lying down. The former said, in the course of an interview, that Modai's behaviour was a matter for a psychiatrist. He kept Modai out of inner cabinet consultations on economic matters and even refused to discuss economic policy with him during cabinet discussions.

TALKING TO *The Jerusalem Post* in September 1983, Modai said that he had "some ideas" about ways to rescue the economy, adding that these would involve the use of some administrative measures to diminish the budget deficit. A few days ago he again hinted at administrative measures when he said that temporarily, some anti-Liberal moves would be

needed. "There will be no economic blows, but some inconvenience to the public," he said.

This has led to wide speculation as to what these measures are likely to entail.

One of the possibilities is that they will involve a wage and price freeze, a proposal common to almost every economist in the country.

As far back as 1976, as an opposition MK, Modai proposed a six-month freeze on tax, wage and price increases, as well as "a ban on the use of capital gains." He said he was sure the Histadrut would back such a proposal. It must be remembered that he was talking when the rate of inflation was 30-40 per cent per annum.

ALTHOUGH Modai has gone on record on numerous occasions in favour of a large budget cut, a freeze in social services and a slash in public spending, he seems to have his reservations.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday awarded his municipality's prizes for poetry, literature and translation to David Shabar, Yehoshua Bar Yosef, Yaacov Orland, Rabbi Mordechai Breuer and Menachem Dorman.

The "Sokolov" Journalism prize went to Haim Izak of *Davar* for 40 years of journalistic work, and to Ma'ariv's Yaacov Erez, Avi Betelheim and Abraham Tirosh for writing and editing Ma'ariv's report on Operation Peace for Galilee, called "The Unfinished War." The report was published on the first anniversary of the war.

The municipality's drama prize was awarded to the actor Mikhael Khoury, for excellence in Hebrew and Arabic language theatre.

The prizes in all categories carry a \$500 cash gift.

Keith Beecher, former sports writer for *The Jerusalem Post*, yesterday celebrated his 70th birthday at his home in Kfar Shmaryahu.

ARRIVALS

Stephen M. Peck, leading the William Rosenwald International Mission III, a delegation of more than 100 major leaders of the New York UJA-Federation campaign, and their spouses, visited Jerusalem and Israel. Mission members are taking part in the dedication of Kiryat Weiler, a neighborhood in Gilo, being named in honour of Jack D. Weiler, who is travelling with the mission. Other mission participants include Eugene M. Grant, chairman of the campaign; William Rosenwald, a founder of the mission; Daniel S. Shapiro, president of New York's Federation of Jewish Philanthropies; and Elaine K. Wink, president of the UJA of Greater New York.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

NEWS BACKGROUND/David Mandel

Rotation accord not binding by law

The national unity government may be a "two-headed monster," as Mapam leader Victor Shemtov put it. Legally, however, it remains a mere coalition agreement in the traditional sense, and it could be broken with little difficulty if during its lifetime one head decides that it stands to gain by guillotining the other.

When the idea first arose, there was some talk of amending the Basic Law: The Government to incorporate the possibility of a rotating premiership. But such a move would undermine the basic law's nature — that of a permanent, constitutional framework for Israel's executive branch of government — and, according to Hebrew University constitutional law Prof. Claude Klein, would also contradict a fundamental principle of parliamentary democracy: majority rule.

The only amendment to the Basic Law being seriously proposed is a narrow one, detailing the responsibilities and authority wielded by Deputy Premier Yitzhak Shamir and his successors at the job in future governments.

The coalition agreement does, on certain points, seem to contradict the Basic Law. It forbids the prime minister, for instance, to dismiss another cabinet member from the "opposite camp," whereas a 1981 amendment to the Basic Law specifically grants dismissal power to the premier.

But the coalition agreement does not have the status of law, let alone the enhanced status of a basic law. There is, therefore, no question

which would prevail if Peres, for instance, were to fire a Likud minister.

The same holds true, in fact, for the rotation agreement itself. Legally, Shamir could not force Peres to resign 25 months from now, or prevent Labour and its allies from abandoning the national unity idea when their "turn" is up. Nor would Shamir be under any obligation to include Labour in "his" government if a majority could develop without it.

Today, the president's designation of Shamir or his substitute in October 1986 is foreseen as a mere formality. But can anyone really predict what Israel's political map will look like by then, and whether the MK deemed most able to form a government will be a Likud leader? Or what the opinion polls will be predicting if one side or the other decides that a new election would be more advantageous to its interests?

The fact remains that this coalition agreement, like others before it that met untimely ends, is based on trust only. It is a political contract, which, if broken, may serve to grant the injured party a measure of political capital. But weighed against a constitutional law that continues to dictate the process of government formation and dissolution, it is manifestly unenforceable.

Firing a minister or breaking the rotation clause would mean the end of the coalition agreement. And, that can happen at least as easily to a "national unity" agreement as it can, and has happened, to a more normal coalition agreement. Another complaint registered

against the proposed unity cabinet is that because of its breadth and size, it will in effect become more of a Knesset executive than a separate branch of government, as mandated by "proper" constitutional theory.

There may be some truth to this fear, according to Klein, who notes that considerable power will apparently rest in the two ministries, one for foreign affairs and defence matters and the other for economic policy. A conflict of authority may arise between the ministries and the full one.

Formally, the Basic Law: The Government again prevails — ultimate executive authority rests with the full cabinet. But according to the same law, the cabinet has virtually unlimited power to delegate authority to a specified minister for a specified function. The principle need not be stretched too far to enable it to delegate authority to a committee of ministers.

In fact, Klein pointed out, the creation of a mini-cabinet for defence matters could finally fulfil the 1974 Agranat Commission recommendation, following the 1973 Yom Kippur War, for the formation of a standing ministerial committee on security. For the last decade such a body has formally existed, but it has almost always been identical in composition with the entire cabinet, its meetings distinguishable from regular cabinet sessions only in that their proceedings are classified.

Considering the economic state of emergency, Klein added, there is no reason not to have a parallel body for dealing with those problems as well.

Some likely appointees to coveted posts

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his cabinet colleagues are expected to announce their appointees to senior government positions, in the next few days. Among the plum jobs to be filled are cabinet secretary and director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

Peres's choice for cabinet secretary is likely to be Dr. Yosef Beilin. Labour Party spokesman and a confidant of the new prime minister. Another senior Peres adviser, Boaz Appelbaum, is likely to be appointed bureau chief.

According to Yahad sources, Peres has committed himself to appointing Yahad secretary-general Avraham Tamir to the post of director-general of the Prime Minister's Office. However, Labour sources said that no decision had been taken, and that other candidates are in the running, including Israel's consul-general in New York Naftali Lavi.

Tamir is to serve as national security adviser, reporting directly to Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Ezer Weizman. Yahad Knesset Member Binjamin Ben-Eliezer is to be appointed deputy minister of energy and infrastructure, the Yahad sources said.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir is to take his two senior policy advisers, Avi Pazner and Yosef Amihud, back to the Foreign Ministry with him, according to sources close to the former prime minister. Amihud is likely to return to his old job as Foreign Ministry spokesman, while Pazner will be adviser to Shamir in his capacity as deputy prime minister.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin is not expected to make radical personnel changes in his new ministry, though *Davar* political reporter Niva Lavi has been mentioned as an addition to his staff as policy adviser.

Alignment Knesset faction spokesman Dr. Yisrael Peleg is likely to be appointed the prime minister's news-media adviser, according to Labour sources. Peleg is also regarded as a likely successor to Broadcasting Authority director-general Uri Porat, if Porat can be persuaded to vacate the post. David Twersky, editor of the Labour movement English-language monthly, *Spectrum*, is the leading candidate for the post of director of the Government Press Office.

Lights go on again in Petah Tikva

The Petah Tikva Municipal executive has agreed to a plea by Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kibersky that it restore municipal services, including street lighting. The move came after Kibersky promised to meet personally with Mayor Dov Tavori to discuss City Hall's complaints about money owed it by government ministries.

The accord also brought electric power back to City Hall for the first time since the beginning of the week when it was cut off because of unpaid bills.

In Beersheba, all municipal services were halted yesterday following the City Hall's failure to pay its employees their August salaries. Among those hit were 6,000 school children and 250 pre-schools, but special-education classes were held.

Mayor Eliahu Nawi also blamed the government for the shortfall, saying that one third of a loan from the government, agreed upon in 1981, was never paid. The city owes banks some \$3 million, and they have initiated proceedings to attach municipal property.

Nawi spent Wednesday visiting local bank branches and asking their managers to honour municipal workers' cheques despite their accounts' large overdrafts.

A House full of good will and good humour

By ASHER WALLFISH

The special session called for the presentation of the national unity coalition was marked by more mutual goodwill and good humour than the Knesset had known for the past seven years and more.

The faces of the Knesset members, and especially of the party leaders, showed clear traces of the long days and nights they had devoted to the inter-party contacts over the past few days.

But it was not only the fatigue that made it a calm session. There was relief that the coalition-making process had come to an end. There was an evident willingness on every side of the national unity coalition to give it a chance.

The session started with the outgoing Shamir-led cabinet still the legally constituted government of Israel. Most, but not all, of the members of the Shamir cabinet were slated to stay on in the national unity cabinet. Two of the ministers due to quit the cabinet did not bother to sit around the horseshoe-shaped table.

They were Eliezer Shostak and Yigal Cohen-Orad. Two other has-beens, Zevulun Hammer (National Religious Party) and Pessah Grupper (Likud-Liberal), preferred to hold onto their seats at the centre of parliamentary power for the time being.

There were 25 chairs around the cabinet table, instead of the 20 that had been there the day before: 12 for ministers of the Likud bloc and its allies; 12 for Labour and its allies; and one for the NRP's Dr. Yosef

Burg. The NRP has steadfastly maintained, ever since the July 23 election, that it belongs to no bloc.

When Prime Minister Shimon Peres read out his list of ministers, starting with himself, he grinned, and sparked a wave of laughter, with his "Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior, and Minister of Religious Affairs, Shimon Peres..."

But Peres read out only 24 names, not enough to fill the 25 chairs, the man he forgot, Aryeh Nehamkin (Labour), the Agriculture Minister-designate, sent a note up to Peres that read: "I assume that you skipped my name because of your excitement." When he got the note, Peres quickly made a correction.

Later, *The Jerusalem Post* found Nehamkin in the staff canteen with his family from Nahalal, and asked him how he had taken the omission. "No problem," Nehamkin said. "These things happen."

The last national unity cabinet, under the late Gold Meir, had 26 ministers, and everyone squeezed in around the cabinet table. But even 25 chairs are a bit too many, and there was not a centimetre to spare between chairs, making it a complicated athletic feat for a minister to get in or out of his place. The two chairs on the corners do not afford any space on the table for files or books.

The galleries were packed, many of those present being relatives of the ministers. President Chaim Herzog came in for Peres's speech. In what seemed a departure from the custom of previous presidents, he

bowed twice to the chamber when all present rose, on his entry and exit.

Next to Herzog were Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir and Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum.

One sign of the times: in the VIP gallery was an unfamiliar couple, Sonia Peres and Shulamit Shamir.

The hubbub in the plenum chamber as the session was about to open was so intense that freshman Speaker Shlomo Hillel had to give three heavy bangs of his gavel to call the House to order.

Peres spiced his presentation speech with a few flashes of wit and a few references to Bible and tradition, which the House quickly noted. But that did not prevent Aguda MK Menachem Porush from calling to him: "You presumably meant to add 'with God's help'."

There were occasional interruptions. MK Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) complained that the government was requesting parliamentary confidence without even tackling its basic policy guidelines.

But by and large the House was ready to give Peres the customary grace due to a new prime minister, especially with more than three quarters of the members behind the national unity coalition.

The Alignment was naturally keen to make the presentation speech a success, while the Likud was not keen to prove, by any misconduct, that it had signed an agreement with a man to whom it was unwilling to show respect.

Parents hold vigil

Placard-bearing Parents Against Silence staged a silent demonstration against the war in Lebanon outside the Knesset yesterday. They also sent letters to all the new cabinet members noting that the war is in its 27th month.

"Make sure our soldiers do not have to spend their third winter in Lebanon," they wrote. "Israel's Number One problem today is not the economic crisis but the urgent need to withdraw the IDF from Lebanon."

Licensing bureau head suspected of taking bribes

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The director of the Petah Tikva licensing bureau yesterday was remanded for 13 days by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court on suspicion of accepting dozens of cash and sexual bribes by driving instructors and students. A driving instructor, suspected of arranging some of the bribes, was remanded for eight days at a second hearing.

The police representative told the court that the director, Yosef Birenberg, had accepted the bribes in exchange for giving a passing grade to examinees, many of whom were unqualified. The representative said a two-month undercover police investigation had found *prima facie* evidence that Birenberg had taken bribes, obstructed justice, committed fraud and violated public trust.

Birenberg's attorney denied his client's guilt and asked Judge Aharon Ziv-Av to bar the publication of his name, because "he is a sick man."

Judge Ziv-Av determined that the alleged offences are most serious and that the public interest requires the investigation to be completed while Birenberg remains in detention. The judge also denied the request not to name Birenberg, saying it has no basis in law.

In the second remand hearing, driving instructor Ze'ev Sharon of the Marathon driving school in Kfar Sava was ordered held at least one bribe for Birenberg and is suspected of arranging many others. The investigator told the court Sharon took bribes from students who were passed by Birenberg, "and they passed the driving test without knowing how to drive at all."

Officer laid to rest

EVEN SHMUEL (Itim). — Seren (Capt.) Zion Elmaleh, 22, of Even Shmuel, was buried yesterday with full military honours in the Mt. Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem. He was killed Wednesday while trying to dismantle a roadside bomb found by his patrol near the village of Harout in South Lebanon.

Elmaleh, who was the 595th Israeli soldier killed in Lebanon, was promoted to, seren after his death.

Elmaleh is survived by his parents and six brothers and sisters. An older brother was killed in a train accident in Kiryat Gat seven years ago, before the family moved to Even Shmuel.

Grupper handing over agriculture to Nehamkin Farmers waiting for signals as lobbyists scurry for jobs

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Most of the agricultural community are taking a "wait-and-see" attitude about the impending changes in the Agriculture Ministry.

This morning outgoing minister Pessah Grupper plans to hand over the ministry to his successor, Labour's Aryeh Nehamkin.

The Jerusalem Post learned from sources close to Nehamkin that he does not plan to "make heads roll," at least during the first weeks of his tenure.

But different settlement bodies are already lobbying for their representatives to receive choice ministry jobs.

The initial tug-of-war probably will be connected with the job of director-general. The incumbent is Meir Ben-Meir, who is very close to Nehamkin as a member of the Moshav Movement.

The Post learned that Ben-Meir is tired of the job and would like to move on to something different. Ben-Meir has indicated he is in-

terested in taking over the vacant position of director-general of the Citrus Marketing Board. The citrus industry is in deep crisis and Ben-Meir considers that position a challenge.

The leaders of the kibbutz movement are pressing for their representative to get the job, as are the economically hard-hit new settlements.

The private farmers — by far the smallest group in the agricultural sector — enjoyed what they termed "a golden era" during the seven years of Likud rule. They are pressing Grupper to try to persuade his successor to appoint one of their members, most probably Shlomo Heisman, general manager of Farmers' Federation, as director-general.

Nehamkin said yesterday that he wants to learn all the problems before he takes action.

He also promised to concentrate on getting Israel's agricultural out of the doldrums, and not to delve on other matters, as some of his predecessors did.

Dental clinics, IDA reach compromise

TEL AVIV. — Five dental clinics ordered temporarily closed by the Tel Aviv District Court will be permitted to operate for the next three months thanks to a compromise agreement between the clinics and the Israel Dental Association.

The court ordered the clinics closed after hearing the IDA's argument that the clinics were advertising unfairly. Judge Moshe Telgam said in his ruling that the principle banning medical doctors from advertising is clear.

The five clinics in question are: Keter, Denta Negiv, Nir, SRS Dental Care and Isradent.

According to the compromise between the clinics and the IDA, the clinics would not appeal Telgam's decision.

decision to the Supreme Court, the injunction closing the clinics would be deferred for 90 days, the clinics would not advertise during that period, and the two sides will conduct negotiations towards a long-term compromise.

If they cannot reach a compromise in that time, the heads of the clinics will be permitted to appeal Telgam's decision to the Supreme Court.

The agreement, signed by the lawyers of both sides, was brought to the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday, at the end of the 48-hour delay granted before the injunction closing the clinics was to take effect, and was approved by the court.

Strike looms over school for brain-damaged kids

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Teachers at Jerusalem's school for brain-damaged children in Romema are expected to go on strike today for an indefinite period to protest against the lack of proper sanitation and security facilities.

The school, at the entrance to the city, was not designed for the pur-

pose it serves and has no safeguards to keep its 40 pupils, aged five to 15, inside the grounds and off the streets.

According to one of the parents, the school's sewage system has broken down and the stench is unbearable. Complaints to municipal and government authorities have reportedly not produced results.

Lebanon's Phalangist Party elects Karameh president

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Lebanon's Christian Phalangist Party yesterday elected Elie Karameh as its president, averting a power struggle between extreme and moderate factions after the death of its longtime leader, Pierre Gemayel.

The 40-year-old Karameh, the party's vice-president since 1980, was chosen by Gemayel last July to succeed him as president.

Gemayel died of a heart attack on August 29 at the age of 78. Karameh called his election "the first victory by Pierre Gemayel since his death" and promised to continue Gemayel's policies and to support his son, President Amin Gemayel.

There had been speculation that support for the young president might falter following the elder Gemayel's death.

Karameh's succession was confirmed by an 85-man caucus of the party's ruling institutions, which include radical leaders of the Lebanese Forces militia. It also approved Par-

liament Deputy George Saadeh as vice-president.

Phalange Radio said Karameh won 73 votes, with five abstentions.

The Post Middle East Reporter adds: Something of an enigma in Lebanese politics, Karameh has been careful neither to cultivate nor to alienate Israel or the Syrians.

His election was anticipated with apparent satisfaction in Phalange circles opposed to the president's pro-Syrian policies. These circles believe that, despite his public commitment to continue along the lines laid down by his predecessor, Karameh is likely in the months ahead to lend his voice to the widespread Christian disaffection with Beirut's present subservience to Damascus.

Accordingly, the militantly anti-Syrian military arm of the Phalange, led by Lebanese Forces commander Fadi Frem, did not come out openly against Karameh, and it is likely that its representatives supported him in yesterday's ballot.

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More Egyptians coming here

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite the continuing chill in relations between Israel and Egypt, more and more tourists are coming here from the Land of the Nile.

According to Tourism Ministry statistics released yesterday, some 2,600 Egyptians visited Israel from January through July, 15 per cent more than during the corresponding period last year. The bulk of the Egyptian visitors, 1,749, came by land, 743 arrived by air and 42 by sea.

The number of tourists entering Israel from all places went up 10 per cent in January to July, compared to the corresponding period last year. The largest number, 349,183, came from the U.S., 32 per cent more than during the corresponding period of 1983.

Visitors from Scandinavia number 32,810, or 30 per cent more than during the corresponding period last year. South African tourists numbered 16,184, an increase of 34 per cent. Seventy-six thousand tourists came from the German Federal Republic (15 per cent more), 13,240 from Australia (21 per cent more), 6,436 from Greece (21 per cent more) and 5,584 from Spain (29 per cent more).

There were 19,134 tourists from South America in the period covered, 16 per cent more than in the corresponding period last year.

In August, 114,900 tourists came here, 700 more than in August 1983 and a record high for the month of August.

Police recover statues stolen from Rehovot

REHOVOT (Itim). — Three statues stolen from the home of Israel's first president, the late Chaim Weizmann, were recovered on Wednesday night when an attempt was made to transfer them from a Holon hiding place to a waiting car.

The police arrested four suspects, all in their 20s and 30s, among them a man who they say is a known burglar and fence.

The statues, a clay horse and two dragons, are worth an estimated \$250,000.

Begin in good condition

Doctors at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital said yesterday that former prime minister Menachem Begin's condition is good.

They said Begin's condition is not serious and that there are other tests and examinations to be made before a diagnosis is complete.

Moda'i asks world's Liberals to back Israel

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday urged the participants in the Liberal International Congress to help stave off attacks from the majority of undemocratic states in world forums on the only liberal democracy in the Middle East.

He welcomed the more than 300 delegates from 25 countries, at the opening session at the Hilton Hotel here, "on behalf of both the outgoing and the incoming governments." Moda'i and Independent Liberal Party chairman Moshe Kol asked the assembled ministers and parliamentarians to help Israel to achieve peace with its neighbors.

The sentiment was shared by international president Italian Senator Giovanni Malagodi, who extended his fellow Liberals' best wishes to the new national unity government and its commitment to peace. The guest spoke of Israel as "an integral part of the Mediterranean world."

Kol said that his party and the Likud Liberals differ only over the best way to seek peace. He dwelt on the need for solving the Palestinian problem through talks with Jordan.

Belgian Vice-Premier Jean Gol said he spoke for many delegates when he declared that the choice of Israel for the congress was an expression of solidarity "with the gallant, indomitable people of Israel." Stressing the need to work for peace, the statesman urged the recognition of a Palestinian homeland that "should in no way endanger the security of Israel." He urged all European Economic Community countries to support the extension of the Camp David agreements.

Iceland Premier Steingrinnur Hermannsson, delivering a thoughtful ideological address, was concerned by Liberals' loss of identity as the right and the left move to centre positions. He urged Liberal leaders to address themselves to such problems as "individual privacy in a world of robots" and future trends in high-technology societies. He noted that although 35 per cent of the U.S. population produces its wealth today, this figure is expected to decline to 10 per cent in 20 years. Both Iceland's leader and Malagodi claimed that while conservatives have to be dragged forward into a changing world and socialists run too far ahead, Liberals have a balanced approach to change.

Dutch Vice-Premier Gijza van Aardenne said the world's political leaders do not realize that Orwell's 1984 has come sooner than feared, with mass unemployment, social unrest, stagnation and "a world of fifth-generation computers that do not need human input."

Later, delegates debated resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa and oppressive regimes in Latin America, with Panama Vice-President Roderick Esquivel challenging the Europeans: "Why condemn only Chile? Isn't Nicaragua



New Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, leader of Israel's Liberal Party, cuts cake together with Iceland's Prime Minister Steingrinnur Hermannsson at yesterday's opening of the Liberal International Congress in Tel Aviv.

just as much of a dictatorship?" In the debate on resolutions calling for UN control over the \$21 billion world arms trade, Helmut Schaefer (Free Democratic Party - Germany) demanded that Iran be omitted from any census of chemical warfare trade, arguing that "there is no proof that Iran is manufacturing chemical weaponry." While no mention was made of German technological aid to Iran in the chemical field, Haim Teichman (Israel) urged that the German Federal Republic government be asked to destroy its stockpile of 620,000 tons of chemical and nerve gas.

Jewish Agency chairman and Israeli Liberal leader Arye Duzin gave a luncheon for the delegates enabling his wife Annette to take a rest from her work as one of the congress's team of translators.

In the evening the guests drove up to Jerusalem, where they visited Yad Vashem and were the guests of President Chaim Herzog at a reception at Beit Hanassi.

Herzog: Equality, peace and justice are indivisible

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Alignment and Likud leaders sign the coalition agreement yesterday. From left to right: Yitzhak Moda'i, David Levy, Yitzhak Shamir, Moshe Shahal, Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Navon and Yitzhak Rabin.

Long night's waiting in the Knesset

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A bedraggled Yitzhak Shamir loped into Alignment leader Shimon Peres's office in the Knesset a minute before 5 a.m. yesterday. Peres, who had fallen into exhausted sleep, was hurriedly awakened by his aides. At six minutes to five the two war horses, weary-eyed but smiling bravely, faced the television cameras and crochets in the next room to announce that a government had been born.

The sleepless night was the culmination of a six-week sleepless chase, with the obstacles growing higher as the end drew nearer. Feverish negotiations between the Alignment and its allies, and between the Likud and its allies aimed at setting up a government, resumed yesterday for the umpteenth time as hopes of signing a national unity government agreement Tuesday night were thwarted.

A few hours before Shamir and Peres were to meet to complete the agreement Tuesday night, Herut's Ariel Sharon challenged Shamir's leadership at the party's central committee meeting by disputing Shamir's choice of ministers for the next government and objecting to a national unity government unless several more points were settled. The ups and downs had repeated themselves for six weeks. Despite repeated breakdowns in the final talks, the feeling grew that it was inevitable that "the people" wanted it, if only to end the "wrecking failures to form a new government."

Shamir and Peres themselves needed a unity government, knowing that the alternative was the end of their political careers.

Even when it seemed Peres would be able to form a new government, he knew he would not be able to work while fighting a strong position.

As for Shamir, he knew he could not win the party leadership struggle with David Levy and Sharon while sitting in the opposition. So the two political rivals, Shamir and Peres, and themselves on the same side in a brief period, battling for their political future.

By Wednesday evening, the wheel turned again and Peres and Shamir were again to discuss national unity. At 10 p.m. the Knesset ridors hummed with activity, and his men sat in one office, and his men in another. Somewhere between them, the National Religious Party was keeping everyone else in suspense, still trying to make a last decision.

The NRP played its cards wisely till the end, unlike Shas, which

pledged itself to the Likud too soon, and unlike Tami, which priced itself out of the national unity market.

Behind every door lurked journalists, pouncing on any politician who emerged. Every aide who walked briskly from one office to another became the focus of reporters and photographers.

When the NRP seemed to debate forever, impatient Alignment people joined journalists in putting their ear to the crack in the large room's door. An efficient Knesset usher shoved them away and shut the door more securely.

At around midnight, the NRP decided to propose leaving both religious and interior portfolios in the prime minister's hands. If this is accepted, everything is finished. NRP leader Yosef Burg goes to tell Peres. Peres goes to tell Shamir. And Shamir goes to call Shas leaders for consultation.

Another hour passes. The security men play *sheesh-besh* in open offices. Alignment Knesset Member Uzi Baram takes a nap on the sofa in the joint office of MKs Edna Solodar and Imri Ron.

The first edition of Thursday's *Jerusalem Post* arrives and the politicians grab it hungrily.

At 2 a.m. the Shas caucus emerges from Shamir's office and looks for an empty office to consult in. All the offices are occupied by journalists filing reports. The Shas men finally find a vacant office and set up a little headquarters there. The name on the door says Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment-Labour).

For the next few hours, all hold their breath, waiting for Shas to decide. In the Alignment office, Burg and Peres wait together.

Ezer Weizman, as an inseparable part of the Alignment and participant in all the negotiations, is getting impatient. "What's the deal? It's a hitch?" asks Weizman, almost hopefully.

"No," answers Moshe Shahal.

"Then what are we waiting for? Why don't we go up to Shamir?" demands Weizman. "No, Shamir must come down here," Shahal says. (Peres went to Shamir's office last time, so now Shamir must come here.)

At 3:30 the Shas people in the closed office begin praying loudly. "Shaharit" (morning services) already? someone asks. "No, *shihot* (penitential prayers)" replies another. Then the Shas men consult their rabbinical leaders. At 4:20 a.m. they decide not to join the government. Shamir tries to persuade them to stay.

To anyone who will listen to them on the stairs, some Shas members are voicing their grievance.

"We have the same number of

mandates as the NRP and we should get as many portfolios as they do. What the Likud has done to us is offend our honour," they protest.

(Shas finally did decide later yesterday to join the government.)

In the Alignment office, only Peres and his closest aides and comrades remain. His bureau director, Amiram Nir, nods off with his mouth open. The coffee has run out; the last cigarette was smoked long ago. The photographers and television crews stretched out on the floor outside, seem to be sleeping but at Shamir's slightest footstep in this direction, they will be on their feet and ready for action.

In the Knesset corridors Wednesday night, speculation was rife on the future of the national unity government.

Levy and Sharon were prominent in their absence from Shamir's side the night the race ended.

To many Likud voters, these two are the Likud. As a little boy said outside Shamir's office that night, "Why do you say the Likud is here? Levy and Sharon aren't here."

Yitzhak Navon and Yitzhak Rabin stayed with Peres through the night's negotiations and Peres knows that his leadership in that "two-headed monster", the national unity government, depends on their support.

Just as Peres was dozing off, when we were all still sitting exhausted in the meeting room, a television cameraman, who somehow had found a can of Coke, came in. All eyes snapped wide open.

"Do you have something to drink?" Peres demanded hoarsely. The cameraman slowly walked towards Peres, who sat between Navon and Haim Bar-Lev, set the can down in front of the three, and said: "Here you are. Share it."

38 die on roads in August

Jerusalem Post Staff

Thirty-eight persons died in road accidents in August, and 283 were seriously injured, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. Israel police had reports of 1,096 accidents during the month, with 1,624 injured.

There were 8,802 accidents in the first eight months of 1984, with 12,806 casualties, including 274 killed. This is a decline of 5 per cent in the number of accidents from the corresponding period last year.

In the last four months, there were 3 per cent fewer accidents than in the preceding four months, and 6.6 per cent fewer injured. However, the number of deaths in the past four months increased by 1.5 per cent.

Vulcan nixes offer of Histadrut aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The troubled Vulcan Foundries yesterday rejected an offer of limited financial aid from the Histadrut's Koor and Hevrat Ha'ovdim companies.

The offer was made by Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar when he visited the factory yesterday to show solidarity with sacked workers.

Kessar said the Histadrut companies are prepared to pay the salaries of the fired employees — if Vulcan cannot do so — until negotiations over the dismissals are concluded. He promised the scores of workers that the Histadrut will support their fight for employment while at the same time doing all it can to ensure the firm's recovery.

But Kessar's offer was spurned by Michael Tamari, general manager of the Ourdan company, which recently bought Vulcan from Koor.

Vulcan sent dismissal notices to 67 workers, but only 12 have accepted the severance pay offered. The remainder wish to continue working.

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South African fugitives hiding in UK consulate

DURBAN (Reuters). - Six South African dissidents hunted by the police refused to leave the British Consulate here yesterday after a deadline for their departure had passed.

As negotiations between the six and British officials dragged on, eyewitnesses said an explosion had hit a power station in the Indian Ocean port and the police bomb squad was on the scene.

The six fugitives, in hiding since Friday, were being sought by the police in a massive clampdown on opponents of the government. They entered the consulate earlier yesterday but a spokesman for an organization to which some of them belong said Britain had refused a request for asylum.

A British official in Pretoria, while denying a formal asylum request had been made, said: "The six are refusing to leave but there is no question of our forcing them to do so."

A British spokesman had earlier said the six, members of the United Democratic Front and the Natal Indian Congress, had promised to evacuate the premises.

In Soweto, meanwhile, the police used teargas four times to disperse crowds as sporadic violence flared in the sprawling black township of two million people outside Johannesburg, officials said.

But the police told reporters that the violence was apparently aimless. Wednesday night the police used

whips and teargas to break up crowds of youths during rioting in which the police were stoned and two houses and a nightclub were petrol-bombed.

The township was tense yesterday as journalists were driven in two armoured police trucks past the fire-blackened shell of a typical small, single-story Sowetan house, home of a former councillor until it was petrol-bombed the previous night.

Black councillors, accused by opponents of collaborating with the apartheid system, have often been hit as a wave of arson, looting and rioting has swept black townships this month, killing about 40 persons.

Wednesday's violence followed a blanket ban on meetings imposed as black groups prepared to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the death of Steve Biko, a black leader who died in police custody.

President-elect P.W. Botha is to be sworn in today in the powerful new executive post and is expected this weekend to appoint the country's first non-white government ministers.

Botha's inauguration will be accompanied by the pomp of a state ceremony and a military parade.

Under reforms introduced by Botha, the former prime minister, and his ruling National Party in the all-white parliament, Indians and mixed-race coloureds have been handed a junior role in the white government.

U.S. senator blocks bid to ratify treaty on genocide

WASHINGTON (AP). - The Genocide Treaty, pending for 36 years before the U.S. Senate, ran into a new delay in Congress on Wednesday as arch-conservative Republican Senator Jesse Helms blocked a Senate Foreign Relations Committee vote.

A State Department official told the committee that President Reagan's administration is hoping for ratification by the full Senate before its scheduled adjournment next month, but Helms said he might demand postponement of even committee action until next week.

Helms, usually an ally of Reagan, said he wants to modify ratification even though the president announced his support for Senate approval last week.

The treaty, signed for the U.S. by President Harry Truman in 1948 and endorsed by 90 Senate ratifiers, obligates countries including the Soviet Union, to call for the signatories to make it a crime to commit genocide or acts designed to destroy or partly destroy a national, ethnic, religious or racial group.

'Soviet marshal sacked in policy dispute'

NEW YORK (AP). - A senior Soviet diplomat has told U.S. officials that Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov was dismissed as the Soviet military chief of staff because he was showing "unpartylike tendencies." The New York Times said yesterday.

The newspaper, in a report from Washington, said the diplomat made the comment to U.S. officials last Friday, when the Soviet press agency Tass said Ogarkov had been replaced by his deputy, Marshal Sergei

Akhromeyev.

The Times said U.S. officials did not know whether the comment was made on instructions from Moscow or was the diplomat's own speculation. The officials would not identify the diplomat involved, the newspaper said.

Soviet sources in Moscow have consistently declined to comment on Ogarkov's dismissal except to say that he was being given other duties.

UK Labour claims strike breakthrough

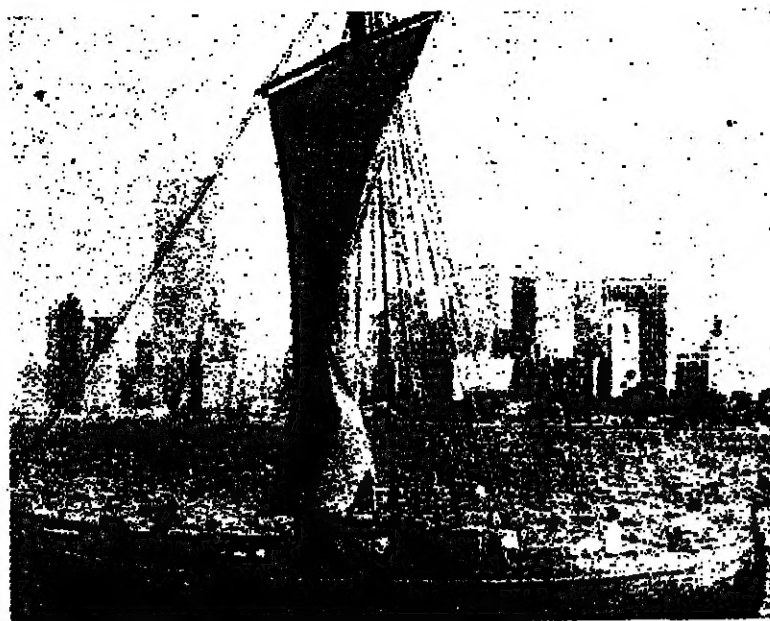
LONDON (Reuters). - Britain's opposition Labour Party said yesterday it has negotiated a secret deal that could end a three-week-old dock strike blocking half the country's main ports, but a dockers' leader cautioned that there are still problems.

The walkout, which began with a row about the use of non-union labour to handle a coal ship in the small Scottish port of Hunterston, is closely linked with a long-running miners' strike.

Labour's transport spokesman

John Prescott said in London that he brought together those involved in the Hunterston dispute, and that they have thrashed out a local agreement that will be put to the dockers' national leaders today.

Scottish dockers' leader John Hardie confirmed that an agreement has been reached on coal supplies through Hunterston, and hoped it would lead to a return to work. But he added that the issue of non-union labour remains to be resolved, and he is seeking a meeting with local port employers.



The Sara Siglar, a reproduction of an ancient Viking vessel, arrives in New York from Norway on Wednesday. The ship is to sail up the Hudson River, cross the Great Lakes and sail down the Mississippi before continuing on a voyage around the world. (UPI telephoto)

15,000 Filipinos flee from erupting volcano

LEGASPI, Philippines (AP). - Thousands of people carrying their household goods and holding up umbrellas to protect them from falling ash fled yesterday from the erupting Mayon volcano.

Successive explosions - sounding like a fierce thunderstorm or the roar of a jet engine - rocked the area around the 2,462 metre volcano, famous for its nearly perfect cone. Clouds of ash and smoke rose kilometres high from the mountain.

No deaths or injuries were reported as government officials accounted for 15,243 evacuees, mostly women and children housed in school buildings. Mayon began erupting Sunday.

Classes were cancelled at several area schools as evacuees took over classrooms and open spaces. At Bicol University in Daraga, 320 kilometres south of Manila, hundreds slept next to each other Wednesday night on a gymnasium floor.

"Our farm was being covered with

ashes," said Justinian Malate, 40. She said it was worse than previous eruptions she had seen in 1968 and 1978.

In Manila, chief government volcanologist Rey Punongbayan said the continuous explosions, occurring approximately at a rate of one every hour, indicates the pressure from molten lava deep inside the volcano was being relieved.

"This means there is less danger of a major, big eruption," he said. "This is a good sign, but that's my personal interpretation."

Volcanic ash rose 15 kilometres into the air, he said. The eruption formed at least three rivers of burning lava which have inched about 2,400 metres down the slopes. The closest village lies about six kilometres from the crater.

The volcano last erupted in 1978, but no one was killed.

In 1814, in its worst eruption, Mayon volcano killed 1,200 people and buried a whole town.

Survey: 85% of Austrians accept anti-Semitic views

VIENNA (Reuters). - A survey just published by a Vienna scientist says that 25 per cent of Austrians are firmly anti-Semitic, and very few others are free of negative attitudes towards Jews.

The survey, by Vienna University reader Dr. Erich Weiss, examined a cross-section of 1,000 Austrians from 1976 to 1980. Every fourth person had "markedly anti-Semitic attitudes," and another 25 per cent showed "midway" anti-Semitic views by agreeing with negative historical images of the Jewish people.

Only 15 per cent of the population showed absolutely no prejudice against Jews, according to the survey. The remaining 35 per cent had "mildly" anti-Semitic attitudes.

The survey was sponsored by the Austrian National Bank, and Weiss said it was aimed at uncovering "how far anti-Semitic activities might be accommodated by a latent and private anti-Semitism never aired in public."

Two years ago, Austria was rock-

ed by a spate of bombings against Jewish targets in Vienna and Salzburg. Anti-Jewish remarks are common in society, and cases of neo-Nazism are often reported in the national press.

Most of Austria's Jews were driven out of the country or sent to Nazi death camps during World War II.

Neo-Nazism is banned under the constitution, but the small right-wing National Democratic Party has many members who remain committed to the ideals of Hitler's Germany.

Weiss said Austrian anti-Semitism is expressed chiefly in the view that Jews wield too much economic and political power. About 64 per cent of those canvassed said the Jews have too much influence on international finance.

The 1982 bombings by self-confessed West German and Austrian neo-Nazis were aimed at Jewish-owned businesses, including a bank and a fashion shop.

Paris police tow away car unaware of bomb inside

PARIS (Reuters). - The police towed away a car illegally parked outside the Paris offices of the Western European Union (WEU) and did not discover it was packed with explosives until two days later, police sources said yesterday.

The incident happened on August 23, when a police tow truck answered a routine call to remove a vehicle illegally parked outside the offices of the seven-nation grouping in the French capital's exclusive 16th Arrondissement.

The area was later searched after an anonymous caller said that the extremist left-wing group Direct Action had planted a car bomb.

But nothing was found, the

sources said, because the police towing service, unaware that the car was packed with explosives, had already removed it.

Two days later detectives from the Paris bomb squad traced the car to a police pound and discovered 23 kilograms of high explosives packed in the boot. The detonator had apparently failed to work.

The WEU, for long a dormant organization, is made up of Britain, France, the German Federal Republic, Italy and the three Benelux countries. President Francois Mitterrand has lately tried to revive the grouping as a forum for a West European defence policy.

Bonner will appeal 5-year exile sentence

MOSCOW (Reuters). - Yelena Bonner, the wife of dissident Andrei Sakharov, is to appeal against a recent sentence of five years' internal exile on charges of anti-Soviet activities, dissident sources in Mos-

cow said yesterday. Bonner's appeal was expected to be heard in November, but according to past practice there was little chance that it would succeed, the sources added.

Reagan soaring in polls

WASHINGTON (Reuters). - Three opinion polls yesterday showed U.S. President Ronald Reagan leading his Democratic challenger Walter Mondale by between 13 and 16 per cent, more bad news for a Mondale campaign troubled by controversy over his running mate, Geraldine Ferraro.

Since modern opinion polls began in the 1930s, no challenger for the White House has defeated a president with a September lead in the polls as big as Reagan's.

An ABC News-Washington Post survey said 56 per cent of those questioned favoured Reagan compared with 40 per cent for Mondale, an increase of nine points in Reagan's lead since July. A Gallup Poll reported Reagan ahead 55-40, and a Louis Harris poll put it at 55-42.

A sample taken for the daily newspaper USA Today on Monday gave Reagan a 22-point advantage.

The Democrats suffered another blow on Wednesday when a congressional committee agreed to launch an investigation into the finances of Ferraro, the first woman to seek election as vice-President for a major party.

The ABC-Post poll said Reagan was preferred by voters in every part of the country. He outranked Mondale in leadership quality, in the ability to make Americans richer, and in expertise in foreign affairs.

The same survey concluded that the Democrats' ace card of nominating a woman for vice-president has not moved voters at all. The "Ferraro factor" has made no significant difference, it concluded.

In another development, Reagan's national security adviser, Robert McFarlane, said yesterday he expected that arms talks with the Soviet Union would be resumed before too long.

McFarlane said in a television interview that it would be premature to expect Reagan to put new proposals on the table when he meets Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the White House on September 28.

"But that's not to say we can't begin to renew a better understanding of just what each other's purposes are, and that's the basis of solving problems in arms control and well as other areas," McFarlane said.

Iranian dies in attempted plane hijack

TEHRAN (Reuters). - One passenger was reported killed during the attempted hijack of an Iranian Iranian flight Wednesday, apparently foiled by Iranian security men on board.

Teheran's leading daily, The Islamic Republic, said the passenger was "martyred" during the hijack attempt between Teheran and the southern town of Shiraz but it gave no details of how he died.

Teheran Radio reported that the plane landed at Isfahan, between Teheran and Shiraz, where the four would-be hijackers were arrested. It said one of them was wounded.

The national news agency Irna said that, after interrogation, the hijackers had said they belonged to the outlawed Mujahedin al-Khalq organization. Earlier, they had denied any links with "subversive groups" and at another point in the interrogation had declared themselves "monarchists," Irna reported.

Iran quoted an informed source in Teheran as saying the abortive hijacking proved the hijackers were "doubtless helped by certain foreign governments."

Divers lift barrel of nuclear material out of sunken vessel

OSTEND, Belgium (Reuters). - Salvage workers lifted the first barrel of nuclear material out of the wrecked French freighter Mont Louis yesterday, a spokesman for the environmental group Greenpeace said.

He said cranes on a giant pontoon moored by the sunken vessel hauled up the 15-ton grey container from a split in the ship's hold.

Greenpeace has been monitoring the salvage operation from its own vessel.

Working in ideal conditions after days of North Sea storms, the divers went down as other salvage men anchored a second giant pontoon near the wreck to act as a breakwater.

Belgian authorities said yesterday the main threat posed by the shipwreck was oil pollution spreading towards Belgium's beaches rather than possible leakage of radioactivity.

Although the weather was fine, divers were working in near-zero visibility because of the murky North Sea waters.

AUSTERITY. - The French government reaffirmed its commitment to economic austerity Wednesday with a draft budget for 1985 that cuts income taxes by 5 per cent and eases the burden on industry, but increases a wide range of indirect taxation.

Sports



Hasek weeps over injustice done him

Hasek denied a fair deal

By PHILIP GILLON and JACK LEON

RAMAT HASHARON. - Aaron Krickstein, the No. 1 seed, edged his way into the semi-finals of the Carl Lindner Israel Tennis Centre here yesterday on the wings of a prayer.

He was leading 6-3, 5-1 at one stage in his match against unseeded Jakob Hasek of Switzerland, but managed to sneak home 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, largely as the result of some astonishingly inept umpiring on the part of Israeli international umpire Aharon Sapir.

The MPTC supervisor Kurt Nielsen and referee Norman Korff took the unusual step of replacing Sapir by another umpire, Herbert Granier, but, as far as 19-year-old Hasek was concerned, the damage had been done. He never recovered his nerve or his precision.

In the sixth game of the second set, with Hasek leading 6-3, 4-1, and with the score 30-40 in his favour on Krickstein's service, a linesman called a ball out, which would have given Hasek the game. Sapir, very late, and in a hesitant voice, called out "Correction. I saw the ball in.

Deuce." Hasek was badly shaken, but took the game, anyway, to lead 5-1. He then lost his service, for the first time, stupidly volleying a ball that was out. Krickstein held his service to lead 5-3. In the ninth game, once again Sapir overruled a linesman, to give Krickstein a 15-30 lead, from which he advanced to break Hasek. He then took his own service to square the game 5 all. They advanced to 6-6, and a tie-breaker.

When Krickstein was leading 4-3 on the tie-break, Krickstein played a shot towards the sideline. The linesman shouted "out," which meant the score would be 4-4. But once again Sapir intervened, again very late, with a low-voiced, muttered "I saw the ball touch the line. Krickstein leads 5-3." Even the pro-Krickstein crowd were aghast. Hasek broke down and wept. He then served a double, making it 6-3 to Krickstein. When Krickstein served for the set, Hasek made no effort to return the ball, but walked weeping to his seat. Sapir was removed, but the third set was a walk-

over for the No. 1 seed.

Afterwards Hasek said: "I don't want to talk about it. Sure I was upset. Everyone wants to beat a good player, and I was so close, so close. The umpire gave some strange decisions. He did the same thing to me in the Davis Cup. I thought of quitting after the second set, but my friends persuaded me to play on. The points involved were so critical and the linesman sees those lines better than the umpire. I'm sorry I didn't play that last point of the second set, but I was in a state of shock. I didn't know what I was doing."

Krickstein said, "Personally, I thought that the linesmen were worse than the umpire; if anyone should have been changed, it was the linesmen. Hasek argued on a lot of calls where he was clearly wrong."

Kurt Nielsen, the Men's International Professional Tennis Commission (MPTC) supervisor, explained that he and referee Norman Korff had seen the incidents. While they were in no position to decide whether Sapir's calls had been correct, Nielsen said, Sapir had definitely handled them in the wrong way.

Nielsen produced the wrong way of the MPTC and the code dealing with line regulations. Regulation 14 provides that an umpire can "overrule a linesman only in the case of a clear mistake by the linesman." If the overrule is made promptly after the mistake is made, the Code adds, "it is difficult to define a 'Clear Mistake' any more." As a matter of practice the Code Umpire must be in a position to make a decision beyond a reasonable doubt. Nielsen said that the Code Umpire should never make an overrule on a ball that is a close call, especially if it is a distant line. Rule 30 requires in addition that "Clear Mistake" be the Umpire's own decision. Nielsen said that the Code Umpire should promptly "clearly" immediately after the linesman makes the "Clear Mistake." The overrule must be made almost immediately after the mistake is made. Nielsen added that Sapir's intervention was not a "Clear Mistake," but that he had had no choice.

In other matches, Amos Mansdorf, playing calm and careful tennis against baseliner Marc Flur, came through after a protracted 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Shikhar Perks overwhelmed Brian Levine of S.A. 6-1, 6-3 with some devastating tennis. (See also p. 13)

Robert Green (U.S.), the eighth seed, beat Shlomo Glickstein 6-4, 6-1.

Today's semi-finals starting 2 p.m.: Perks vs. Mansdorf; Krickstein vs. Green.

Tomorrow's soccer teams

By PAUL KOHN Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. - When the soccer season kicks off tomorrow afternoon at grounds throughout the country, fans will no doubt be looking for familiar faces and new faces in the teams whose fortunes they follow so devotedly. Many changes have taken place during the off-season months.

Maccabi Haifa have spent no money on the players' transfer market. They will start the season with virtually the same side that won them the championship. Zahi Arad underlined on Tuesday that he is a potent striker by cracking three goals past Hapoel Tel Aviv in the great 5-4 triumph that won Maccabi Haifa the Lillian Cup. Haifa's captain Baruch Maman is a highly talented schemer, and is kept out of the national team only by Uri Malmilian and Moshe Szini. Ronnie

Rosenthal and Moshe Selektor (once his differences with the club are settled) play important supporting roles in the Haifa attack.

Betar Jerusalem will again rely mainly on Malmilian and Eli Ohanyan to produce the goals. Moshe Zeitoun, bought from Lod, should strengthen the striking force and opposing defences will not need reminding that Sami Malec scored a hat-trick in the last game of last season.

Hapoel Tel Aviv threaten almost every year at the start of the season to run away with the championship. Inevitably, somewhere along the way the Tel Avivians lose their way.

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SHIMON PERES has finally reached the summit. Not a bad gift - if slightly delayed - for his 61st birthday.

It has been a long and lonely ascent. In the past decade it sometimes seemed that he was afflicted by the curse of Sisyphus, the character from Greek mythology who was condemned to rolling a great stone uphill, only to have it slip down just before he reached the top.

Shimon Peres brings with him considerable experience in statesmanship and in governance. And he is eminently well equipped for the premiership, having served his apprenticeship under the premier of premiers, David Ben-Gurion.

While Peres spent years building up Israel's military deterrent - first, at the age of 29, as director-general of the Defence Ministry and then as deputy minister - his vision ensured that the spin-off from the military industries would keep Israel abreast of the second industrial revolution. And if Israel has managed to keep up with the high-tech giants, much of the credit should go to Peres in recognition of his stewardship of the defence establishment in its early years.

Although his remarkable record as defence minister (1974-77) may have been overshadowed in the public mind by the party intrigues that corroded Yitzhak Rabin's government, no one can challenge his achievements in re-building the spirit and material of the IDF in the years that followed the Yom Kippur War. Above all, he ended the "war of the generals," started by Ariel Sharon, whom he was to meet again to his surprise - as premier Rabin's defence adviser.

DURING THE LONG and lonely years he spent clambering up what Benjamin Disraeli (whom he greatly admires) called "the greasy pole of power," Peres has acquired vast resources of patience in the face of adversity.

He will certainly need to draw on this to steer the unwieldy ship of state through the troubled waters ahead. Some of the more optimistic pundits speak hopefully of the intimacy of a working partnership bridging partisan antagonisms among the divergent members of his government. But it is doubtful that Ariel Sharon will show himself to be subject to the whims of group dynamics. Having seen the prime minister in bringing down Menachem Begin and having done his best to destroy Yitzhak Rabin, Sharon will surely have less scruples about trying to ruin Shimon Peres.

There has been no precedent for the kind of ceaseless crusade of personal denigration directed at Peres. Likud, one need only recall that he endured at the hands of Begin and the kind of violent treatment meted out to him during the 1981 election campaign, when a concerted bid to demonize the Labour Party leader demonstrated the decline in standards of public life under Likud.

VER POLITE and courteous, Peres has assiduously avoided reciprocating personal attacks against his adversaries. His seemingly endless capacity for absorbing insults may have been acquired during his association with Levi Eshkol, that most tolerant and under-rated of Israeli emperors. He served him as deputy defence minister until he decided to throw the Old Man into the political

arena. YITZHAK RABIN sits at his desk in the Defence Ministry and holds his first meetings with senior members of the ministry staff. He will be overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems before him. The reason for this is that Israel has a multiplicity of objective problems: not that Rabin's predecessor, Moshe Arens, performed only.

Indeed, Arens should be commended on his tenure at the ministry. He inherited an army bogged down in Lebanon and the stain of the Shouf inquiry. He followed a highly controversial minister, Ariel Sharon, who initiated, but never completed, a fundamental reorganization of the ministry, leaving the bureaucracy in a mess. And he inherited a budgetary situation that forced him to cut defence spending 27 per cent, while at the same time being forced, for political reasons, to keep the army in Lebanon.

Arens moved swiftly to make for military appointments and to restore both efficiency and self-discipline to the upper echelons of the ministry. At the same time, he managed to depoliticize the general command, which was still recuperating from the highly political overtones it had acquired as a result of the war in Lebanon, and by the former chief of staff, Rafael Eitan, now a Tehiya-Machal Knesset Member.

PERES THE MOST impressive of all in Arens' cap involves the talks currently underway between Israel and the U.S. Arens is tagged to convince the U.S. administration (as opposed to just one member of it, like the State Department) that there was a mutual interest in the defence of Israel and the U.S., and that both sides needed to have something to offer to the other.

These talks have progressed well in recent months, and cooperation between the IDF and the American military has seldom been better. In addition, the Americans have bent their own military-aid law to give Israel \$650 million for the Lavie jet project. In addition, they

desert. Peres demonstrated a rare capacity for loyalty in his relationship with Moshe Dayan, who ultimately betrayed him by crossing to the Likud.

Peres's ability to overcome past differences has made possible his current alliance with Yitzhak Rabin. In addition to his brilliant record at the Defence Ministry, Peres gained valuable experience in government when serving in such relatively minor cabinet posts as Absorption, Information and Communications under Golda Meir, doing fairly well despite being at the top of her famous grudge list.

Thus he comes to the premiership with a broader empirical understanding than most of how the different areas of government actually work.

If he is given the chance, he will probably make an excellent prime minister, and drawing on his rich experience in working with difficult partners, he should be able to extract some good team work from his cabinet colleagues.

In a society where incumbency is often of critical importance to public opinion, it would not be surprising that Peres, once he really gets going and is allowed to release his visionary gifts and executive talents, will grow immensely in the public regard. And if, further, he succeeds in bringing the IDF out of Lebanon under honourable circumstances and in reviving the peace momentum with more than one of our neighbours, as well as in restoring a modicum of sanity to the country's administration, then his place in the nation's history will be indelibly established.

Anyone who has spoken to Peres recently knows of his passionate quest for peace, of his determination to secure for his people a place in the forefront of the ongoing technological revolution.

There are, indeed, three outstanding monuments to Peres's visionary leadership: the atomic reactor at Dimona and the Israel Aircraft Industries, which he decided to build in the teeth of such formidable opposition as Pinchas Sapir; and his courageous decision, as defence minister, to set the Entebbe rescue mission in motion - despite the initial misgivings of then premier Rabin and chief of general staff Motta Gur.

AS AN OBSERVER of Peres's career, I have admired his capacity for picking up the pieces after some calamity, as he did after Labour's electoral debacle in 1977, when many of the petitioners now knocking at his door gave the place a wide berth.

Over the decades he has built up substantial reserves of stamina and resilience, enabling him to overcome disappointment and find ways out of what had seemed to be dead ends.

Although Peres has long been in the public eye, and thus has few secrets, he is in many ways a most private person. That particularly applies to his home life, which his wife Sonya zealously guards.

Some of her husband's friends feel that his wife has been over-protective of their home and that a few television shots of their IDF pilot son might have countered the evil rumours spread about the Peres family. Nor does anyone know that none of their children were ever allowed to use the ministerial limousine, unlike the practice in other parts of the establishment.

To understand the process that

have helped on the Saar V missile boat; they have defied the protests of American industry by purchasing Israeli weapons systems, including the leasing of 12 Kfir jets, and they have initiated multi-level military working groups to discuss possible contingency arrangements.

Notwithstanding an unfortunate incident when Arens was quoted in *The New York Times* in late March as saying that U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger was in need of psychological help, Arens has played a pivotal role in bringing about a sharp change in American attitudes towards Israel. With Sharon in the ministry, relations had taken a steep nose-dive - one strategic pact was abrogated, another was suspended and there was a virtual total breakdown of relations during the period that the Americans were involved in Beirut.

BUT DESPITE his contributions, Arens is leaving behind a difficult legacy.

The situation in Lebanon is still far from being sufficiently stable or predictable to allow for any quick solution. Rabin's optimistic words this week that he could get the IDF out in six months will undoubtedly come back to haunt him.

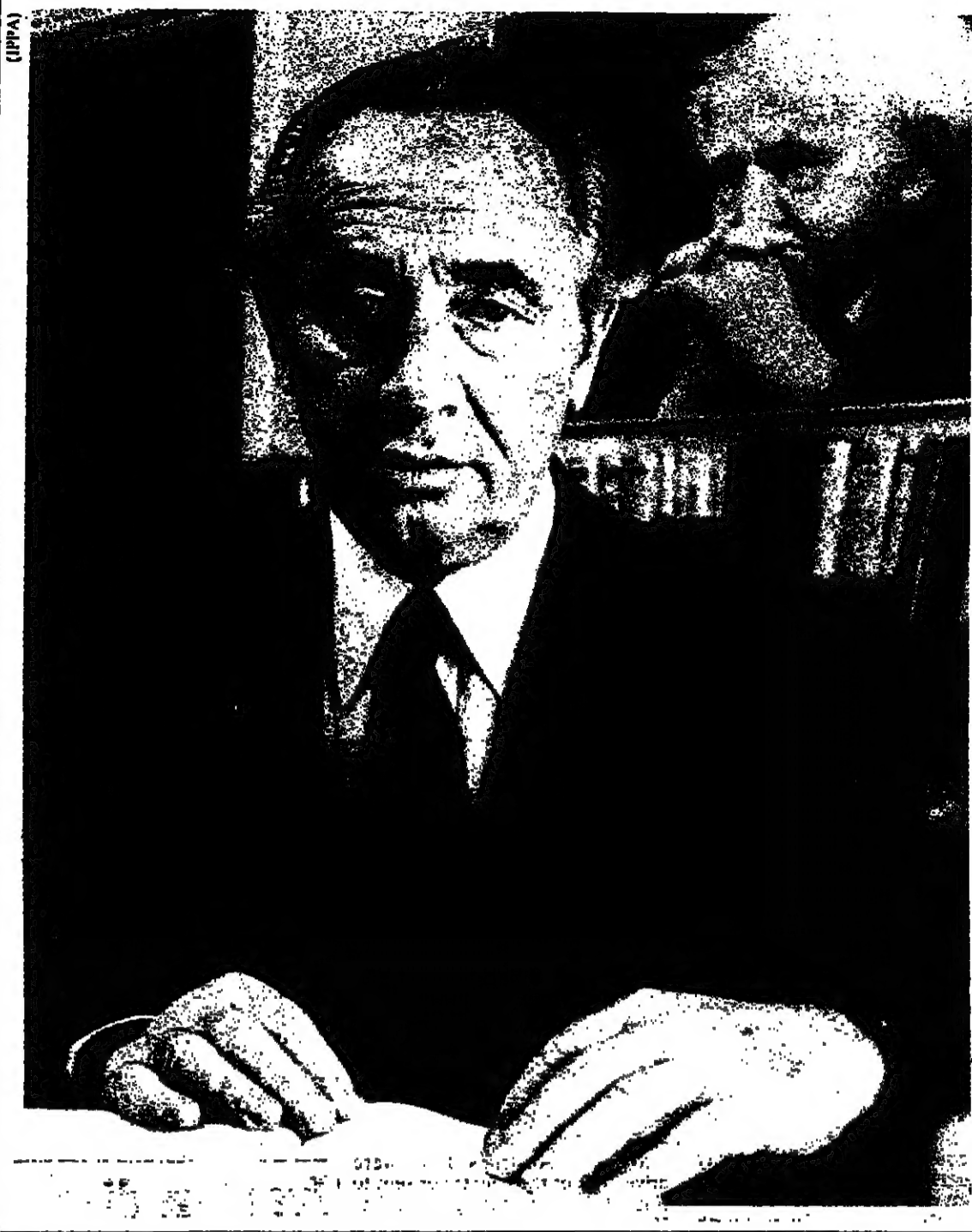
Arens tried at first to bring about some solution: he ordered a withdrawal from the Shouf to the Awali (in the face of fierce criticism from Sharon); he signed the May 17 agreement which was aimed at bringing about a withdrawal but which was, in the event, abrogated by the Lebanese; he tried to open up a channel to the Syrians by offering a mediated separation of forces in the Bekaa; and he invested heavily in the South Lebanese Army of General Antoine Lahad as an alternate force to the IDF in the western sector of South Lebanon.

He has not, though, gone far enough in trying to pursue dialogue with the Shi'ites in the south, nor has he been bold enough in initiating a unilateral redeployment of the IDF to lines in Lebanon that would accord with the actual security risks facing northern Israel.

BUT THE SITUATION is not sim-

Post Political Correspondent Mark Segal surveys the life and times of Shimon Peres as he assumes the office of prime minister.

BEN-GURION'S DISCIPLE



transformed Shimon Persky, the 10-year-old son of lower-middle-class immigrants from Poland, into an international political figure, one must go back to his earlier years.

His biographer, Matti Golan, records that, as a child, his mother was worried that he was too much of a dreamer and a passionate reader. That is illuminating, considering his adult reputation as a do-er, for which the Mapai Old Guard denigrated him as "a bit of a dreamer."

Elihanan Yishai, who has worked alongside Peres for many years, recalls how as a youth leader of the Tel Aviv branch of the Noar Oved youth

movement, he was struck by the young Persky's promise. He recalled that at the time, his family encountered economic difficulties, because his father was a PoW during World War II following the fall of Greece.

Thus it was at Yishai's brother's initiative that the teenager was awarded a scholarship to the Ben-Shemen youth village.

Although no youth movement activity was allowed at the village, he continued to be a copious contributor to Noar Oved publications, establishing a reputation for himself even then.

It was in Ben-Shemen that his

character was formed. His involvement in the Labour Movement began, and it was there he met his wife.

It is not generally known that the sharp political polemicist and the man who thrills at the sight of super-sophisticated technology, has a lifelong passion for poetry.

The celebrated poet Nathan Zach, politically much to the Labour leader's left, has told me of his bemused reaction to Peres's confession of his preference for some rather than others of his poems.

As someone involved in public affairs from youth, when he plunged into the battle for Jewish survival,

Peres never had time for academic studies. Yet he has made up for that by a voracious appetite for books.

Indeed, there are few political figures on our horizon with so intense an intellectual curiosity as Shimon Peres.

"When I was very young," he once told me, "I wanted to be a poet. I still write verse, but it's not good enough for publication. Bringing out a book is a political act, not so poetry, which is an end in itself. But it must be of high quality."

"Poets are truly wise men, for they see the end and are afraid. Politicians see a series of happenings. For if a politician could see how things end, he would stop struggling and quit the arena."

"At 25 I wanted to become an architect. I thought at the time that that was really what influenced society. A building is like a new dress that offers a woman a new outlook on things and meets the expectations of those around her."

On the same occasion, Peres told me of three men who had most influenced him - the poet Nathan Alterman (whose works he keeps at his bedside), Berl Katznelson and Ben-Gurion.

It was my first interview with him as deputy defence minister in the Tel Aviv Kirya in 1959, and the occasion was the 15th anniversary of Katznelson's death. He reminisced at length about the highlights of that period - how he literally sat for hours on end at Berl's feet, drinking in his wisdom.

His first meeting with Ben-Gurion came when he hitched a lift to Haifa in the Old Man's car in late 1942, and after most of the journey had passed in silence, B.G. said: "I don't think Trotsky was a real statesman. What kind of line did he advocate? No peace and no war? Either you have peace and you accept the heavy cost, or war and its dangers."

"Lenin grasped that."

By then, he had left the youth village, with his settlement group for Geva and finally settled in a young kibbutz, Almut on a hilltop overlooking Lake Kinneret. Peres was married and, as was customary in those days, young couples had to accommodate a third person in their tent. Shimon and Sonya's "guest" was a young Ben-Shemen graduate called Shula, today the Citizens Rights Movement leader Shulamit Aloni.

The young Peres caught the attention of both B-G and Levi Eshkol, and he soon found himself a focal point in the struggle with Abduh Ha'avoda, then part of the youth movement, for control of the youth movement.

During the course of that first interview, Peres reminisced about the days when he first displayed his budding talents as a political organizer. He would criss-cross the country on a motorcycle, campaigning among Noar Oved branches.

I remember being impressed by the transformation that had occurred in that young leather-jacketed man roaring about the countryside. Now he was in charge of the country's defence apparatus.

PERES'S ENTRY into the broader world of politics came after the Mapai victory at the Noar Oved convention, when he was chosen as a delegate to the first post-war Zionist Congress in Basel in 1946. He was, at 23, the youngest delegate, along with Moshe Dayan, his senior by eight years.

To quote a senior Defence Ministry official - the till is empty. Rabin is going to find himself committed to some very expensive defence spending, with no money to finance it.

In addition to its commitment to the Lavie project, the Navy has already started work on the Saar V missile boat and a whole new generation of surveillance systems. The bill for the total package will run into billions.

Rabin will have to cut the size of the standing army - there is simply no alternative. Such a step will necessitate some very difficult decisions and will undoubtedly generate no small amount of tension with the generals, who are committed to cutting the size of the IDF as long as their particular command remains immune.

A smaller army will also mean a new strategy, since it logically means a heavier reliance on reserves, and a new composition of Israel's Armed Forces that will afford Israel a more rapid response with more fire-power to compensate for the time that will be lost in having to field reserve units.

RABIN WILL ALSO find himself faced with a rapidly changing reality - both political and military - in the Arab world.

Something has to give in the Iraq-Iran war soon and this will change existing political alliances in the Middle East. Moreover, it seems that Syria will soon be thrown into internal turmoil by the battle to succeed President Hafez Assad, a battle that is now only just beginning.

The Arab armies facing Israel are becoming more Western and, therefore, more sophisticated. The Iraqi army, for example, will emerge from the war with Iran not only with the latest generation of French planes and missiles, but with rich battle experience and a knowledge of where their military weaknesses lie.

Syria has learned a lot about its shortcomings since its 1982 clashes with Israel in Lebanon. Indeed, the Syrians now possess both Sam-5 anti-aircraft missiles and SS-21 surface-to-surface missiles to complement their already considerable

That contact was the start of a political partnership that eventually flowered into the Mapai Youth Circles' rebellion against the Old Guard, leading eventually to the split away of Rabi.

Back home, Peres was invited to join the Jewish Agency's school for diplomats, which produced many of the men who went on to establish Israel's foreign service. But Peres found Eshkol's offer to work at Hagana HQ more appealing, which brought about the final breach with the kibbutz (in 1968 it decided to dissolve).

The outbreak of the War of Independence found him at what had become IDF headquarters. But when first CGS Ya'acov Dor offered him the rank of Sgan-Aluf (Lt. Col.), he refused, arguing that as a kibbutznik he opposed the idea of ranks in the fledgling army.

He was soon sent on his first mission - to acquire arms in the U.S. and Canada - and thus began his career in the defence establishment.

As B-G's senior aide, he began to venture into developing foreign contacts for sources of arms supply. It was an endeavour that greatly antagonized the then foreign minister, Golda Meir. Even before she had entered the Foreign Ministry, Peres had managed to establish an historic breakthrough in Paris, enabling Israel to cope with the menace of Soviet-bloc arms in Egyptian hands.

His visits to France were an eye-opener for the ex-kibbutznik. On one occasion, he told me with much warmth of the web of friendships he managed to establish in the French capital. One which he particularly treasured was with author Andre Malraux, years before he became De Gaulle's minister of culture.

Peres recalled with a chuckle: "I would speak in English, he would reply in French." His experience of French civilization during the 1950s, however, "never deluded me that it was a matter of common interest, and one day when that would end they'd say, *au revoir*."

It was in those days that he began to foster special relations with West Germany - for "raiding days" that might be ahead.

His fondness of the Gallic style of life, though, has stayed with him, as has his admiration for the Americans. His introduction to the U.S. was at the height of John Kennedy's "New Frontier," when he emerged profoundly impressed from a meeting with the vigorous young president at the White House.

Peres's presence at the Prime Minister's Office may well produce one of Israel's more exciting periods. After all, I know few politicians who can tell a story against themselves. Peres recalls a conversation with author Amos Oz, who, after a prolonged period of acquaintance, thawed out sufficiently to tell him: "If B.G. can have made a mistake about Dayan, perhaps I'm allowed to make one - about you."

Shimon Peres is also a history buff, and after discussing Fernand Braudel's monumental work *The Mediterranean World in the Age of Philip II*, he remarked with passion: "It's absolute rubbish to claim that history repeats itself."

"To my mind, every generation gropes in the dark anew. Reading history accords one a sense of continuity and rootedness, and one can learn lessons that apply to our times."

air-defence system. (The SS-21 could conceivably be used against Israeli airfields in the opening stages of a war).

The Jordanians, the Egyptians and the Saudis have all spent billions on Westernizing their armed forces. These countries possess every major advanced weapon system that Israel has, from F-15s and F-16s to Phantoms now in service with the Egyptian Air Force.

ALL THIS is going to put pressure on Rabin at the same time he is faced with having to cut the size of the standing army. He has only one way out of the dilemma - more American money.

But this, in turn, will create a new dilemma for the incoming defence minister, for more American money will mean a greater Israeli dependence on the American political will. The lack of pressure Israel is now enjoying could end after the U.S. elections in November when the new president will be freed from campaign rhetoric and allowed to forge policy.

The number of files and position papers that will land on Rabin's desk is manifold. Then there is the West Bank and Gaza, staff troubles in the ministry and at Rafael, the weapons' development authority. He has several major military appointments to make, including that of deputy chief of general staff, and there are other urgent decisions being demanded by the IDF, left pending the arrival of the new minister.

And, perhaps most important of all, Rabin will have to live with Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Seven years ago, when the position was reversed, Rabin openly accused Peres, who was then defence minister, of undermining him. The consequences will be dire if the defence minister, who controls over 40 per cent of the budget and has tremendous power, and the prime minister, who is responsible for orchestrating policy, fight each other instead of the enemy.

Israel has been through that experience once - in 1982, during the war in Lebanon. And we are still paying the price.

A difficult legacy

Post Defence Correspondent Hirsh Goodman examines the burdensome tasks that await Yitzhak Rabin at the Defence Ministry.



ple, as Rabin will soon discover. There are probably several immediate intermediate steps that the new defence minister could take - just as Arens withdrew from the Shouf - but these would still be far from constituting a permanent, or even relatively long-term, solution to the Lebanese imbroglio.

Worse, until he does find some solution he could be faced with mounting casualties in Lebanon. This week saw the war's 595th victim. There are an average of 10 attacks against IDF personnel in Lebanon each week, and the situation can only become worse. There is increased fundamentalism and anti-

Israeli sentiment is building up among the Shi'ites. There is also a gradual but persistent PLO build-up in the Bekaa and along the Awali, where the Druse have been lax, a bolstering of Syrian positions in the Bekaa and growing political pandemonium in the north.

It is possible to withdraw from Lebanon unilaterally, even without securing UN agreement to redeploy UNIFIL along the Awali or Zaharani rivers, instead of its current line on the Litani. But there are risks involved.

It is doubtful whether Rabin, immediately he assumes office, will be prepared to take these risks. He will

need time to see just how far Lahad has come in putting together a force serious enough to carry out the tasks Israel envisions for it, and he will need time to pursue talks with the Shi'ites which though stalled, have continued.

He will also need time to test the waters with the Syrians once again and to try to persuade the UN to take a more active role. And so, notwithstanding Rabin's optimism, one should not expect miracles. The IDF will, almost certainly, see yet another winter in Lebanon.

LEBANON IS NOT the only major immediate problem Rabin will face.

Low profile for Middle East

By WOLF BLITZER

THE SITUATION in the Middle East will probably come up during Secretary of State George Shultz's meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the United Nations later this month, but only in passing. It is unlikely to arise at all during President Ronald Reagan's meeting with the Soviet minister two days later in Washington.

That was the assessment of knowledgeable U.S. officials at the White House and the State Department who offered some thoughts in recent days on current Soviet policy in the Middle East.

They noted that the Reagan administration had absolutely no intention of seeking Soviet cooperation in the Arab-Israeli diplomatic arena. The Soviets are widely seen by U.S. officials as strictly negative in their approach.

"We don't want to bring the Russians back into the picture," said one American specialist.

He recalled the Carter administration's ill-fated joint communiqué on the Middle East, signed with the Soviet Union on October 1, 1977, which called for a renewed Geneva peace conference with the U.S. and the Soviet Union as equal co-chairmen. This was bitterly denounced by Israel and its many friends on Capitol Hill, especially by the more anti-Soviet Republicans. Reagan and his political allies do not want to reverse themselves now.

They also know that former secretary of state Henry Kissinger had devoted a great deal of his diplomatic energies while in office to shutting the Soviets out of the Arab-Israeli peace process. Kissinger's great success was in moving Egypt from the Soviet to the American corner.

THE REAGAN administration wants the U.S. to remain the only superpower with enough credibility among both Israel and the moderate Arab states to mediate additional steps toward peace. That helps to explain why the concept of a Geneva peace conference — still promoted by Moscow and some of the Arab states — is a non-starter as far as Washington is concerned.

Still, U.S. officials conceded, Moscow has scored some important points in the region over the past year with the rise of Syrian power in Lebanon and elsewhere. Syria has now become the Soviet Union's main ally in the Middle East.

The Kremlin leadership has made a tremendous investment in strengthening Syria's military capability since the humiliating setbacks suffered during clashes with Israel in Lebanon two years ago. Moscow has more than made up for Syria's losses in fighter aircraft, tanks, advanced missiles and other military hardware. It has provided state-of-the-art weaponry, particularly missiles, some of which had not previously been supplied to countries outside the Soviet bloc.

What has been more impressive in underlining this Soviet alliance with Syria, according to American policymakers, has been the increased number of Soviet troops and advisers now based in Syria.

The U.S. estimates that as many as 7,000 Soviet personnel are now in Syria, and that they are attached to almost all sections of the military and intelligence apparatus. Soviet

forces, said U.S. officials, regularly accompany Syrian soldiers into Lebanon, where more than 50,000 Syrian soldiers are stationed.

Thus, renewed fighting between Israel and Syria could result in direct Soviet involvement — a fact of life recognized by U.S. and Israeli officials. While this would not be the first time Israeli and Soviet forces have met each other in combat, there is greater fear now that the next encounter could trigger a superpower confrontation. The level and degree of explosiveness have increased — as have the Soviet stakes in Syria.

IN SHORT, the forced abrogation of last year's Israeli-Lebanese peace accord, the rise in Syrian military might and its enhanced influence in Lebanon, have combined to strengthen the Soviet position in the Middle East.

The Reagan administration, however, clearly hopes to reverse this trend. U.S. officials sense that extensive discussions between the United States and the Soviet Union would only serve to enhance the status of Moscow in the region. And this is something they are determined to avoid. Which would explain why the Middle East is not going to be high on the agenda of Gromyko's meetings with Shultz and Reagan.

U.S. officials also cited what they

described as other more important matters to be discussed, particularly ways of reducing East-West tensions and promoting arms control.

"We have a strategic interest in preventing the growth of Soviet influence in the region with all that such influence would imply for the welfare and security of the people of the area as well as our own," White House National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane told the Hadassah National Convention in San Francisco last month. "Whether directly or through its surrogates, Moscow has tried — and continues to try — to undermine Western interests and those of our friends in the Middle East."

"It is inherent in their ideology and revolutionary doctrine. When the Soviet Union and its allies are successful, the global balance of power is strengthened in their favor at the expense of the United States and its allies and friends."

WHAT EXACTLY are the steps envisaged by the Reagan administration to limit Soviet influence in the Middle East in the aftermath of the dramatic reversals over the past year?

U.S. officials pointed to a multi-pronged approach which they expect to be pursued during a second Reagan administration.

Firstly, they hope for a revived effort to get Arab-Israeli peace talks

off the ground. This, said U.S. officials, is still seen as a basic ingredient in strengthening U.S. interests in the region.

The Americans believe it would weaken the incentive of the more moderate Arab states — notably Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia — to move towards the Soviet camp. Simultaneously, they added, it would raise the possibility of the more pro-Soviet states — Iraq and Syria — are often mentioned — of improving their ties with Washington.

"U.S. policy is really quite straightforward," said McFarlane. "We seek a just, enduring peace based upon political agreements among states. We believe that such a peace is the surest guarantee of peace for all. In order to reach these ends, we try to help resolve conflicts — great and small — through negotiations."

"To encourage people to talk, however, requires the kind of cooperative relationships reflected in U.S. security and economic development assistance, political support or joint military activities. Such U.S. action can convince adversaries to take risks for peace by giving leaders confidence in U.S. commitments as well as the political, economic and military means to deal with internal and external threats."

McFarlane was referring to the administration's joint strategy of enhancing strategic ties with Israel

while at the same time trying to do the same thing with some of the Arab states, particularly Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

The administration may no longer talk of creating a "strategic consensus" in the region involving Israel and some of the pro-American Arab states. That was the controversial term associated with former secretary of state Alexander Haig. But the thrust of that approach is still very much in evidence in the formulation of U.S. strategy in the Middle East.

Thus, McFarlane welcomed the formalized U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation aimed at countering "the Soviet threat to our mutual interests in the Middle East through combined planning, joint exercises and prepositioning of U.S. equipment in Israel. This cooperation adds to deterrence and improves the prospects for peace and security."

But at the same time, he expressed support for continued arms sales to the Arabs as a fundamental instrument of U.S. policy in the region: "The U.S.," he said, "is working to create an atmosphere that will encourage initiatives by all parties."

"But in addition to ensuring Israel's security and maintaining its qualitative military edge, this will require continued American arms sales to key Arab moderates in order to give them confidence in U.S. commitments as well as the capability to defend themselves against external attack from radical forces. These radicals threaten not only the U.S. and Israel, but moderate Arabs as well."

ALL THIS is not to suggest that a major new U.S. peace initiative is likely soon after a Reagan election. The president and his team are still badly bruised by their inexperience in Lebanon. They are fully aware of the political pitfalls in the Middle East. And they also recognize that Jordan has not yet agreed to join the peace process by accepting face-to-face talks with Israel — a key ingredient of Reagan's 1982 peace plan.

Reagan's invitation to Gromyko and Gromyko's acceptance, by the way, have to be seen within the context of U.S. presidential politics. Reagan's Democratic opponent, Walter Mondale, has made a major issue of the fact that Reagan had met with any senior Soviet official. Now Mondale will have to modify that charge.

"I think the Russians have read the same polls we have," a State Department official told *The New York Times* diplomatic correspondent, "and they probably figure it would not do any good to sing Reagan and have to deal with him for four more years."

But while Reagan may try to project a more moderate image towards the Soviet Union during the course of the next few weeks, his associates cautioned against concluding there has been any fundamental change of heart. The president retains a powerful vision of the Soviet Union as "an evil empire," even if he does avoid repeating that phrase.

And that will result in a continued U.S. strategy of trying to contain Soviet military and political advances around the world, whether in Central America, East Asia, Africa or the Middle East.

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MODAT PROFILE

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no water, but we shall not give in to every pressure group that lays its hands on the economy's throat," he declared in a moment of rage. Two weeks later, he granted almost all of the workers' demands and the strike was over.

Six months later, he was again fighting the Electric Corporation workers. This time, the cause of the trouble was his intention to cancel their traditional free electricity privileges. A wave of power strikes followed, and the proposal was soon scrapped.

BY NOW MODAT understands what Yigal Cohen-Orad and Yoram Aridor failed to see: that trying to twist the Histadrut's arm may be a very costly affair. Last September, in his interview with *The Post* he repeated an old suggestion: that in return for an almost full linkage of wages to

prices, the Histadrut should agree to link any rise in real wages to productivity increases.

On the other hand, he told the cabinet last December that a change in the system fixing the cost of living index was called for: there was no point in including housing costs in a "basket" supposedly reflecting the expenditure of a housewife at the supermarket.

MODAT's first confrontation with the Histadrut may come when he implements his scheme of subsidy cuts. He is known for his opposition to subsidies on fuel, and favours linking energy prices, fuel and electricity to the cost of production. Under present conditions, this means linking these prices to the pace of devaluation.

It should be stressed that MODAT is known for his failure to communicate with people. He has often been described as distant and arrogant. His unpredictability makes him difficult to work with. One of his victims was David Haguel, who was his own appointment to the post of chairman of the Electric Corporation. Last December, MODAT suddenly demanded Haguel's dismissal, a step that until today few can explain.

But personal traits notwithstanding, he will very soon have to deal with the situation at the Treasury,

where he will have to fill the vacant position of head of the State Revenue Administration as well as that of director-general (assuming that Nissim Baruch, a member of Herut, will be leaving it). The administration post seems to be the most pressing one. Under Cohen-Orad, tax collection almost broke down and the resulting loss of money to the economy has been enormous.

MODAT has declared repeatedly that he is against more taxes. It is assumed that after the July elections, he prevented Cohen-Orad from proposing a package that would include property taxes and a rise in purchase taxes, as well as the increase of VAT to 18 per cent.

DURING ONE of his recurrent periods of internal fights in the Liberal Party, MODAT declared with pride that he was the *real* Liberal. In May 1983, he outlined his current ideas to a group of journalists. Reading from a piece of paper on which he had scrawled a list of his party faction demands, he recited: "Compulsory arbitration in the public services; national health and pension schemes; a minimum wage; abolition of rent control; reduction in the number of taxes; a second TV channel." That he called a "true Liberal program." Apparently, the "platform" does not include plans for dollarization. The idea is too closely linked to the name of Yoram Aridor to have the new minister's approval. Back in October, he said that the plan was "so

far-reaching that it could only be compared to changing the national anthem or the flag."

MODAT is scheduled to visit the U.S. in the coming weeks. In this context, it is appropriate to quote a speech he made to a group of American Jewish leaders last February. He said that he did not recommend either Diaspora Jewry or the U.S. administration to "double their support" for Israel, until Israelis of their standards of living. If no effort were made to improve the economic situation, then no one else should do it for Israel.

He added ironically that "Israel should get the Nobel Prize for the invention of the index linkage." The answer to Israel's problems was to curtail inflation while inducing economic growth.

On the issue of linkages, MODAT went on record in November 1983, recommending that the government continue linking subsidies to the price index and avoid tying profits. But these measures should apply only to securities bought for long-term saving, not "for the protection of speculators." He then proceeded to propose to impose a levy on transactions.

In one of his speeches, MODAT declared, "changes are needed, and right now, not in two months' time. A start has to be made. I hope the new initiative we are all waiting for will be made known before the High Holidays."

That speech was made by the then energy minister in August 1979.

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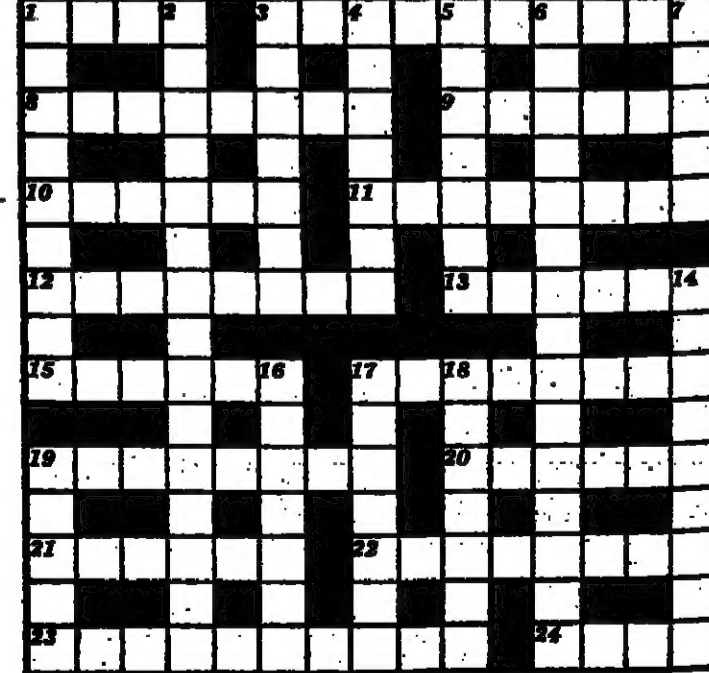
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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 On the bottle in Ireland! (4)
 - 2 Gets very rotten description (10)
 - 3 Relevant cloth (8)
 - 4 Old railway engine important to NASA. (6)
 - 5 A vulgar U.S. gift is out of the country... (6)
 - 6 ... For one of her states! (8)
 - 7 They won't settle for fishing vessels (8)
 - 8 So frightened! (6)
 - 9 Races to see the Derby — first, "Cricket Trophy" (6)
 - 10 Hose down old top clothing with them (8)
 - 11 Those who want houses to live in them (8)
 - 12 Using craft, remove the bed covering! (8)
 - 13 One in business getting a harangue (6)
 - 14 They see mineral-bearing rocks as unpleasant sights! (8)
 - 15 Tells us all about a school book (10)
 - 16 Orders women to go into them (4)

- DOWN
- 1 Did general duties in the army, as ordered? (9)
 - 2 Sign-forbidding walking in Greenland, might one say? (4, 3, 5)
 - 3 Get less — just 500; it's a blow to the French (7)
 - 4 Ties these around them (7)
 - 5 Stops someone living like a criminal (7)
 - 6 Very rarely happens to be put like this (4, 2, 1, 4, 4)
 - 7 Material change in Tina's position (5)
 - 8 Takes note of doctor and how he gives practical help to his patients (8)
 - 9 Doesn't pretend to behave in such a manner (7)
 - 10 Meat course to follow! (7)
 - 11 Strip of cloth, as it were? (7)
 - 12 In trouble, tuppence will get you a respite (3-2)



'Quickie'

ACROSS

- 1 Period of time (4)
- 2 Forced together (10)
- 3 Using a weapon (8)
- 4 Scots landowners (8)
- 5 A shelled creature (6)
- 6 Searches new lands (8)
- 7 Wind instruments (8)
- 8 Short literary works (6)
- 9 Wrongfully leave the Forces (6)
- 10 Find (8)
- 11 Not joined (8)
- 12 A French revolutionary (6)
- 13 Come back (6)
- 14 Follower of a teacher (8)
- 15 They rely on others (10)
- 16 Makes a mistake (4)

DOWN

- 1 Showed indecision (9)
- 2 Normal indoor heat (4, 11)
- 3 Eastern language (7)
- 4 They attract metals (7)
- 5 To backslide (7)

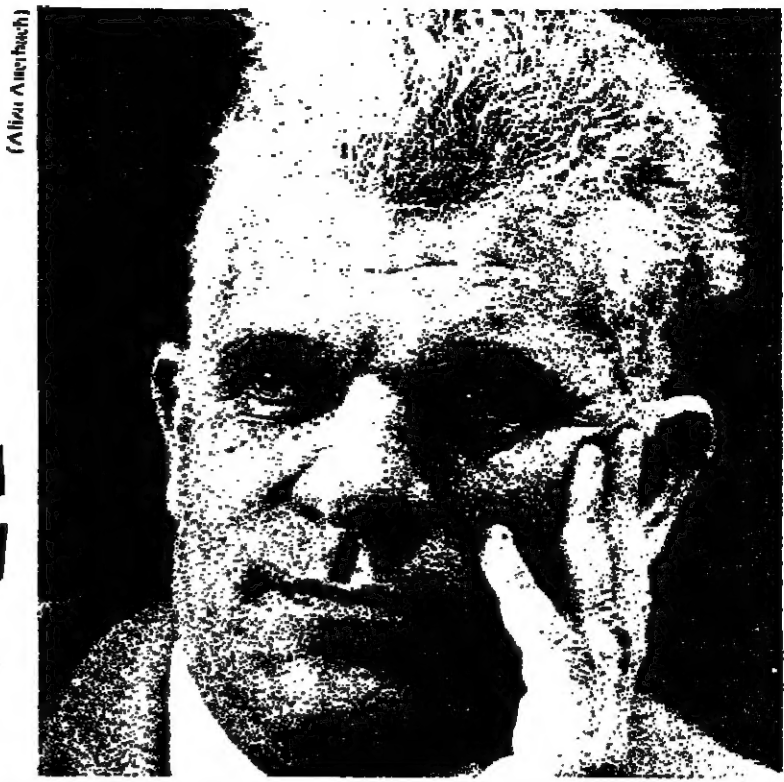
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David Krivine talks to Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

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(After Auerbach)

CENTRAL BANKS, say the experts, must stay independent. Being responsible for the monetary system, they must stand apart from politics and, in particular, they must not be subject to the Treasury. Does the Bank of Israel enjoy this autonomy?

"Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum thinks it does—with one important exception (which seems to upset the apple cart): it cannot say no to demands by the Treasury for loans."

Provided the Knesset Finance Committee agrees, the government is entitled to borrow up to one-quarter of its budget in any one year; which means it can borrow one-and-a-half trillion shekels, and the bank is obliged to supply it. This is called "printing" money, Mandelbaum is against it.

"When the cabinet pumps IS135b. into circulation during a single month, our monetary activities at the bank become strictly marginal," he says. "Such excesses shouldn't be allowed."

Those who argue for zero-printing are not diehards imposing zero-deficits on the finance minister. A government wanting to spend more revenue than it receives in taxes is perfectly free to borrow money, but from the public in the form of interest-bearing loans which have to be repaid.

"Instructing the central bank to supply cash free of charge seems an easier way of overcoming the bottleneck. That is the trouble, it's too easy, and the damage done can be terrible."

The countries whose economies we admire—the U.S., West Germany, Switzerland—are not allowed to print money in this way. They enjoy an enviable stability. We could achieve that stability, too, if our government accepted the rules of budgetary discipline. If we don't, our economic situation will go on deteriorating," he warns.

Mandelbaum is reportedly a mild governor who was nominated in the hope that he would be more compliant to orders from the Treasury than his predecessors. But recently he has started to flex his muscles. Halfway through his five-year term, he has already outlived one government. Experience may have taught him that being passive doesn't pay.

He rejects with indignation the accusation that he was an NRP appointee. "What would be the purpose—what have I done in my present job that would benefit the NRP?" he asks rhetorically.

WHAT HE has done, he says, is apply the monetary policies that the situation requires, as far as it was in his power to do so. "We were silent during the election campaign because we didn't want to take sides. That doesn't mean we didn't tell the government what we thought about its prodigality during that period. But we made no public statement in order not to get involved in politics."

Didn't he cooperate with the party in power by concealing the drop in the country's foreign-exchange reserves?

"What we did was for the good of the country and I don't regret it for a

moment. Let me explain: there are two alternative figures for the foreign-currency reserves held by the Bank of Israel, what we call the gross and the net. We have been in the habit, heaven knows why, of publishing the smaller figure, the net.

"The difference is this—the commercial banks are required by law to place 10 per cent of their foreign-resident accounts with us. That 10 per cent amounted to \$800m., so we had in June \$3.8b. of reserves gross and \$3b. net.

"When our assets dropped by \$688m., we could have deducted all that from the net sum, leaving us with only \$2.3b. of reserves. It would have set alarm bells ringing worldwide, because such a sum is too small as a buffer against contingencies."

"But the net sum is not our only buffer; we also have second-line reserves. Why not bring them into play?"

"We decided to reduce the liquidity ratio for this type of account from 10 to 6 per cent, and the banks agreed to deposit the other 4 per cent with the authorities. So our net reserves dropped only to \$2.6b."

"Banks abroad are not interested in how big the fluctuations are; they want to know how much money we have left at the end of the day. The figure we published is a legitimate one. Other countries include the same components when calculating their own reserves."

BUT DO these other countries change their definitions in midstream when convenient? Mandelbaum pleads necessity: "We did not conceal anything, we informed the International Monetary Fund that our foreign-currency holdings had declined by \$688m. But we made the world realize that we were not on our

beam-end: that we still have a margin of assets to fall back on."

"The alternative would have been to bolster our balance sheet by taking short-term loans at a prohibitive price. What for? As it is, we have managed without that."

Mandelbaum has his own ideas about the cause of the drop in those reserves; a setback which he maintains did not need to happen. "Doubt was sown in the papers and elsewhere about the safety of the financial assets in the hands of the public. There was talk of a moratorium on government debts and, understandably, people fled from those assets, causing a run on the country's dollars."

"That is unforgivable. The Israel Government is not in the practice of defaulting, and anyone suggesting it is off his head. There is here a basic principle without which public administration becomes impossible. Thankfully, legislation has been passed making it clear that the government will honour its commitments to the full. If it doesn't, it will henceforth be in breach of the law."

"Not that it intends to, but the point had to be made."

"The population no longer needs to store greenbacks under the mattress. There are more profitable ways of looking after their savings."

THE BANK HAS produced an economic recovery plan of its own, addressed to the incoming national unity government. "It is not a statement of policy," Mandelbaum stresses. "The Finance Ministry is the authority to issue that. We are an advisory body and our proposal is a working-paper to be read by the policy makers."

What message does his document convey? Mandelbaum answers clearly and trenchantly: "Our stand is that the country can't deal with

one problem and leave the others unsettled. Previous administrations have tried supplying partial remedies, but that doesn't work in economics. Doing half the job doesn't yield half the result. It can, on the contrary, make the situation worse than before."

"We in the bank are of the opinion that no solution can work if it ignores what is the central issue: the blown-up size of the budget. There is no way of by-passing that obstacle. If we freeze prices before cutting public expenditure, we shall wreck the balance of payments (because goods will be sucked in from abroad)."

"Therefore we recommend reducing government expenditure—by \$1.5b." Does Mandelbaum mean reducing the budget deficit by that amount? It could be achieved in part by increasing taxes.

No, he replies, he does not mean that. The deficit must be reduced by \$1.5b. certainly, but the saving must be achieved in its entirety through a cut in expenditure, without any overall increase in taxes.

In that respect he differs from the departing finance minister Yigael Cohen-Orad, who proposed partly cutting expenditure and partly increasing taxes. Mandelbaum wants to reduce the load bearing on the economy and, as he sees it, taxation is part of the load.

Dr. Yehor Plessner (deputy governor of the bank in name, though he has been suspended from his functions) believes that Mandelbaum's economy plan will make 150,000 people unemployed.

Mandelbaum laughs. "It's the other way round," he says. "A lot of people in the public services are unemployed already and don't know it. They hold posts which are redundant and which must eventually

close down on them. We want to shift these people to real jobs in the production branches while it's still possible."

"We want to activate the productive sector so that it absorbs more labour. That's why we are against augmenting the tax burden. Mind you, adjustments are necessary in the system: some taxes have to be lowered, others have to be raised. But the overall total should remain unchanged."

Which should be lowered? "Taxes on labour." Does that not defeat the economy drive? "Things should be seen in their context. Let's start from the beginning. The bank advocates a wholesale slashing of the subsidies."

"This will put prices up. The workers will be denied the cost-of-living allowance for that price rise, the purpose being to break the inflationary spiral."

Will the workers put up with a cut in their real wages? "They will," says Mandelbaum, "because we recommend as part of the overall plan a lowering of income-tax rates on salaries, so their net earnings will not be affected."

HOW TO make up for the shortfall in tax revenue? By stepping up the tax on capital through the expedient of revising the Encouragement of Capital Investments Law. It currently grants what are in his view excessive tax rebates for five years' and more on profits deriving from new investments. Such over-generous benefits can safely be trimmed.

Mandelbaum believes that reducing the tax on labour will boost employment in industry. "The public sector as an employer is not bothered by high wages, it passes the cost on to the taxpayer. The manufacturers cannot afford to pay comparable salaries and are short of labour."

They must be helped. One method is to abolish the payroll tax.

"I think we should go further and consider the possibility of providing a special incentive through the tax system to persons working in the productive sector."

The bank does not want to create a recession; it wants to shift resources from one part of the economy to another. That means creating a mini-recession in the over-manned sector—the public services—and engineering a mini-boom in the under-manned sector—the export industries.

To make sure that both objectives are attained, Mandelbaum favours a push-and-pull method, pushing labour out of the public services by cutting their budget, and pulling labour to manufacturing sectors by reducing the tax burden on industrial labour.

What faces the country in the immediate future under his plan? "Stage One deals with budget cutting—it would take three months, say, from October to December. By the end of that period, the government should be 'printing' only IS20b. a month."

"It still seems enormous, but the reduction is sufficient to ease inflationary pressures, permitting Stage Two in January: the negotiation of a package deal with the employers and the trade unions designed to freeze wages and prices."

"This is a stabilization process, which should take another nine months, bringing us to September of next year. By then inflation should be down and the trade deficit reduced to a level which can be financed by the ordinary capital inflow."

At that point, Stage Three of the recovery programme can be launched.

ched, which involves dismantling price controls, reducing interest rates and normalizing the fiscal and monetary system.

"If I may put in an addendum, we should like the government to produce a long-term economic plan going beyond the next 12 months—covering, if possible, the whole four-year term of the new administration. The country needs to know what lies ahead: there have been too many uncertainties in recent years. The publication of a clear policy programme that the government intends to stick to would increase confidence and encourage people to invest."

ONE OF THE central bank's tasks is to supervise the country's banking system. Last year, the system went into crisis and the big commercial banks were only saved from collapse because the government underwrote their debts. The State Comptroller is examining this occurrence, and there are rumours that he will blame the Treasury and the Bank of Israel for failing to exercise proper vigilance.

Is such criticism justified? "I will not address myself to the State Comptroller's investigation," says Mandelbaum. "There are no published conclusions as yet and the whole subject is sub judice. Let us leave that aside."

"You ask whether we are responsible for what happened. There is a phenomenon in this economy called 'vissur' or stabilization. The banks had the habit of buying and selling their own shares in order to prevent excessive fluctuations and keep the prices stable."

"When I came to the Bank of Israel, that process already existed. I quickly came to the conclusion that it ought to be stopped. But how? Share prices were being kept above their true value, and if the banks were forbidden to support these prices they would drop sharply. A ban could be enforced if the consequent fall in share prices did not endanger the country's balance of payments, but such a risk existed, so we had to be cautious."

"We told the banks that supporting their own shares was a bad practice and they would carry the responsibility if things went wrong. We refused to lend them money to finance these transactions even when asked by the Treasury."

"When certain other banks wanted to enter the race and support their own shares we refused them permission." (One of them, it is learnt, was the First International Bank of Israel.)

"All I can say," adds Mandelbaum, "is that the practice of supporting shares has now been scrapped and we are glad about it. The agreement last October under which the Treasury underwrote the bank shares included a provision, inserted at our request, that the banks will stop this interference in the market. The waiver on their part was our condition for backing the agreement."

But the waiver came after the crash. People outside Mandelbaum's office wonder whether this is not a case of shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted.

Thanksgiving for the land

TORA TODAY / Pinhas H. Peli

A GREAT NUMBER of the people mentioned in the Bible engage in prayer. Their prayers are almost without exception spontaneous and have grown out of a given situation.

There are very few formulated prayers in the Bible. One is the set form of a prayer also known in tradition as a "confession," to be recited at the offering of the first fruit. The exact words of the "confession," or statement to be made on this occasion is fully prescribed in the Tora (Deuteronomy 26:1-11):

"And it shall be, when thou art come in the land which the Lord thy God, gives thee for an inheritance, and thou shalt take of all the first fruit of the earth... and thou shalt go up to the priest and say unto him: I profess this day unto the Lord thy God that I am come to the country which the Lord swore unto our fathers to give us."

This is followed by a recounting of the highlights of the history of Israel, starting with our father who was a wandering Aramean... until we reached this land after being liberated from bondage in Egypt.

This same statement also serves as the core of the Pesach night liturgy, the Haggada, comprising the tale of a people on their way to freedom. The fact that the rabbis ordained the use of one and the same text for the

two events comes to tell us, that only then can freedom be fully manifested when one can point to the actual first fruit that has resulted from the long process of liberation. Only when the fruit is in front of you, can you unequivocally state: "I profess this day, that I am come to the country."

Only today, is history, which at times seemed sad and senseless, redeemed. Thanksgiving for the land "which the Lord gives thee," was not possible until now, when this given land also witnessed the process of "you possess it and dwell therein." The first fruit is concrete proof that this actually took place. The gift of God and the toil of man combined in producing the fruit of the land, a token of freedom and a good reason for rejoicing.

JOY IS something that comes spontaneously when one lives to see the first fruit of one's labour. Why then be ordered in the Tora (verse 11): "And you should rejoice with all the

good that the Lord your God gave you." It seems, that far too often we are not ready to rejoice when good comes to us, as much as we are ready to complain and lament when the reverse happens.

It is indeed a special gift of God to be able to rejoice over the good. There are those who claim that it is raining when being spit at; on the other hand others cry "spit," even when it is raining. Both types do not benefit a free person, who has just begun to build a new healthy society in the new land. "Rejoice with all the good." Give thanks for every drop of blessing, as it comes your way.

As the declaration to be made when offering the new fruit was set forth in its exact wording, the rabbis in subsequent generations tried to read particular meaning into each and every word of it. For example, they derive from the text that only a person who personally owns a piece of land is entitled to recite the statement in thanksgiving for the first fruit, as this would be impossible to

come about without the land.

They also ruled in the Mishna (the first code of oral Jewish law, circa 200 CE), that a proselyte may partake in the new fruit offering, but cannot recite the text of the declaration, as it reads "the country which the Lord swore to our fathers" who of course, were not the ancestors of the proselyte.

This ruling which must have been embarrassing to the proselyte, was reversed by the great medieval codifier of Jewish law, Maimonides, who ruled in his Mishna Tora (Bikurim, 4:3), that a proselyte, just like any Israelite, has to offer the first fruit and recite the full text of the declaration. As there is no other case where Maimonides would go against the ruling of the Mishna, this exceptional case was much discussed in the world of Jewish learning, until some decades ago when a hitherto unknown letter by Maimonides was discovered and published.

In this letter, which has often been quoted since then, Maimonides addresses himself to a proselyte, a former Arab by the name of Abd-el-Ala, now Obadiah (both mean servant of the Lord) who painfully turned to Maimonides asking, how he, a descendant of pagans, could utter without lying the prayers which include the clause "Our God and God of our fathers," knowing well that

the God of Israel was not the God of his ancestors.

Maimonides, in his response, instructed him to utter all prayers as they are written, since Abraham himself was a proselyte, who converted from idolatry to the true ways of God, and "in a sense Abraham is the father of his descendants who follow his ways, and of his disciples and all the proselytes." By embracing Judaism, Maimonides reassured Obadiah, "Abraham is also your father, in no respect is there a difference between us and you."

That is to say, that Judaism is not only perpetuated by race, but also by

faith and conversely when one joins Judaism he not only joins a religious belief, but the history of a people. This point was brought out as well by Ruth the prototype of the convert, as she is about to join the religion of her mother-in-law Naomi.

She says "your people will be my people," and only then "and your God will be my God." By joining the Jewish religion, the convert joins the Jewish people and its history, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to whom the land was promised. They are also ancestors of the proselyte. He can rightly say therefore, the full text of the first fruit offering.

This view of Maimonides, running contrary to the Mishna, is supported by the opinion of Rabbi Judah as quoted in the Jerusalem Talmud (Bikurim, 1:4) who interprets the verse (Genesis 17:5) in which God says to Abraham "I have made you a father of a multitude of nations" to include Abraham's parenthood of all gentiles who join the faith of Abraham.

Ki tavo (Deuteronomy 26:1) is the Bible portion read on Saturday, 15 September. Rabbi Peli is Professor of Jewish Thought and Literature at Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

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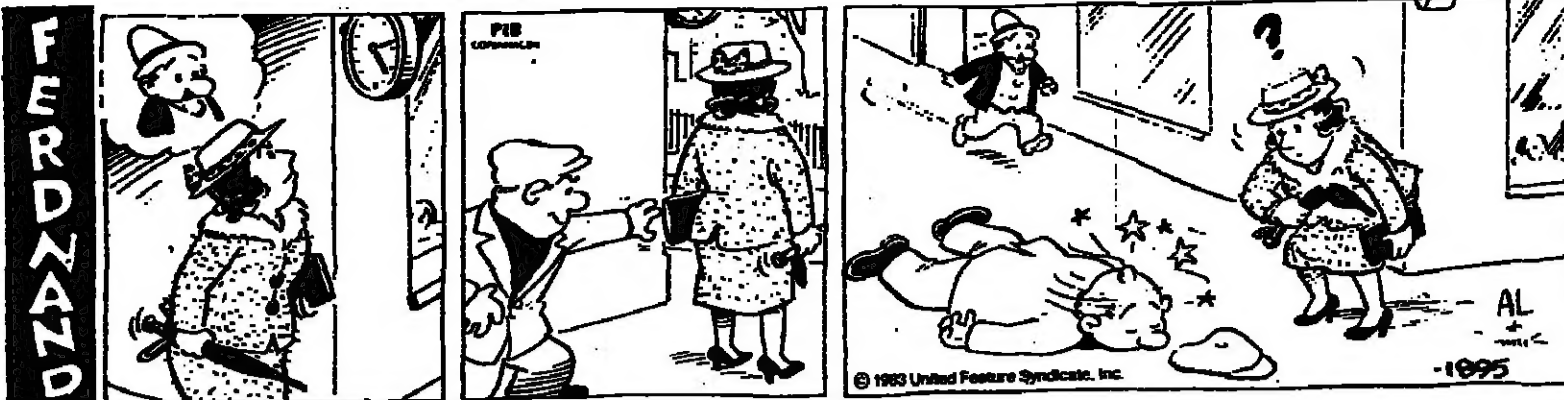
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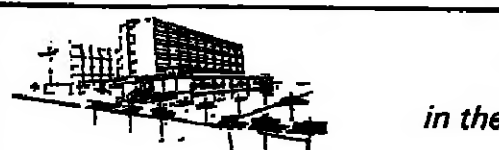
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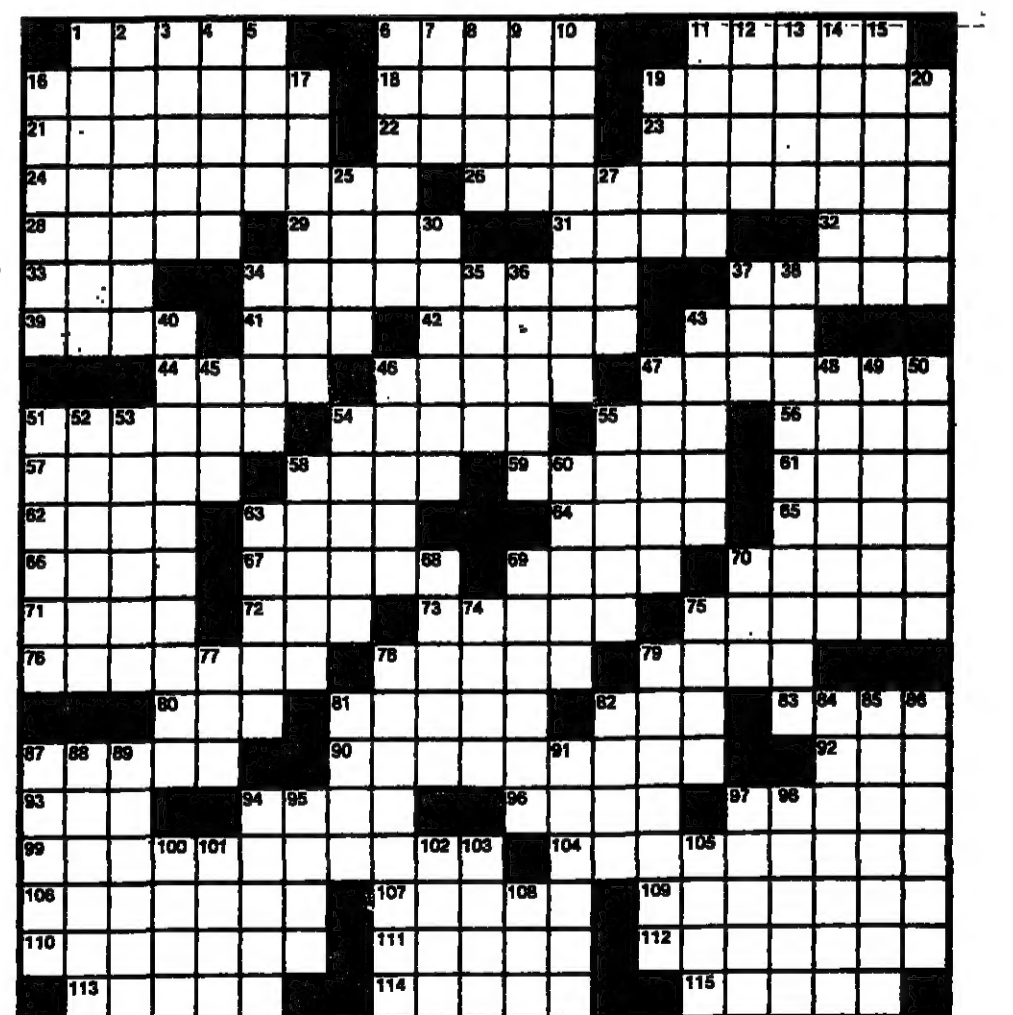
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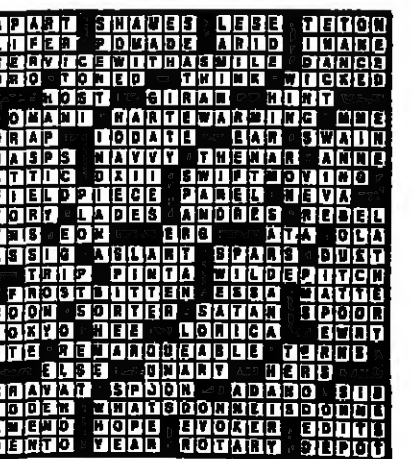
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Ramat Shariel, 3, stylized, sun-drenched, 57,000, Sharon, 21292, Malden.

Ramat, 3, 1st floor, split-level, cupboards, improvements, Arazin 232141.

Ramat, 3 1/2, split-level, beautiful, 02-86317, 02-69887, weekdays.

Ramat, 3, 2nd floor, modern, view, 58,000, Sharon, 246643, Malden.

Ramat, 3, view, complete room on ground floor, 68,000, Isco, 02-245724.

Rehavia, 3 1/2, large, 100,000, Kiryat Shmuel, 3 balconies, 65,000, Old Talpiot, 3 balconies, 55,000, Yagur, 242977.

Special bargain Ramot, 3, beautiful + cupboards, Yash, 02-24012, Malden.

Suitable also for disabled, Old Katamon, 3, ground floor, stone, separate entrance, 51,000, Tivich, 23311-2-3-4.

Talpiot, 3 1/2 + balcony, view, spacious, 115,000, Sharon, 249566, Malden.

4 ROOMS + MORE

Bayit Vengal 4 1/2, spacious, possible monthly rent, 6 months, 02-52802, 02-42172.

Bayit Vengal, 4, large balcony, worth seeing, Amman, 02-666101.

Fabersheim, 4 1/2, balconies, garden, home heating, solar boiler, 02-865475.

Garden, 4 bright, fully furnished, leaving country, must sell, Exclusive to Ambassador, 02-666101.

German Colony, 4 1/2, balconies, parking, 63217.

Kaf Tel November, sunny, spacious, 4, low floor, suitable to sell, Exclusive to Ambassador, 02-666101.

Kiryat Shmuel, 4 1/2, double convenience, beautiful view, immediate 02-221771, 02-221440.

Makom Bazamert, Sderot Shai Agnon, 4, 3, and 5, 6 rooms, private heating, parking and store room, ready to March 1985, 666101.

Megiddo Towers, large living room, master bedroom with bathroom en suite, 2 additional bedrooms, private heating, immediate, Exclusive to Ambassador, 02-666101.

Nayot, 5, private entrance, private heating, quality, Ambassador, 02-666101.

New Yavot, terrace, 4, complete kitchen, cupboards, solar boiler, 02-854603.

New Ramat Shariel, 4, large, bright, exciting, views, Ambassador, 02-666101.

Old Talpiot, 5, large, quiet and green, 115,000 (including cupboards), Anglo-Saxon, Malden, 02-221161.

Rehavia, near Alfassi, 4, wonderful renovation, quiet, 130,000, easy payment terms, Anglo-Saxon, 02-221161, Malden.

Rehavia, quiet, luxury, 4 1/2, small building, for precious living, Ambassador, 02-666101.

Rehavia, 4, modern, flexible occupancy and payments, 61887.

Talpiot, 5, spacious, lift, 25,000, including storage room, Anglo-Saxon, 02-221161, Malden.

Talpiot, 4, storage, suitable for office, quiet, priced to sell, Ambassador, 02-666101.

Tchernichovsky, 4, ground floor, well arranged, bright, view, 90,000, 02-663405.

Zameret Habira, 4, garden and patio, new, private entrance, immediate, no steps, 130,000, Anglo-Saxon, Malden, 02-221161.

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\$10,000 gift New Yavot, 4, dinette 100sq.m., 46,000 Carmel Realty 22593.

Armon Hanatziv, 4, double convenience, wonderful view, 715389, weekdays.

Baka, Arab house, 4 rooms, 6 possible, private entrance, large garden, exclusive sale, Moonstone, 222578, 247388, Malden.

Baka, Old Talpiot, 4, quiet area, private heating, parking, Lafayette Realty, 02-1-02-609595.

Baka, special cottage, 200sq.m., 71877-8, week, 714042, home.

Bargain, Armon Hanatziv (Oleh Hagarden) 3, exit to garden, 44,000, Armon Hanatziv, 3, separate entrance, Cohen, 243105-6.

Bargain, Givat Shariel, Beit Shmuel, 4, modernized, 02-915554.

Beit Hakerem, 5, terrace, Michael Stern, 23017, 241367.

Beit Batira, 4, 1st floor, spacious, large store room, Michael Stern, 23017, 241367.

Centre, 4 rooms on Rehov Hashadim, multi-purpose, 2328, 23919.

East Talpiot, 4, 3rd floor, 59,900, Michael Stern, 241367, 23017.

East Talpiot, in terrace, 4, balcony, private entrance, Kef-Li, 244008, 248379, Malden.

Fishman, 4, 2nd floor, store room, 125,000, Keys at King David (Malden), 634995.

French Hill, 118sq.m., store room, 2nd floor, balcony, Keys at P.N.M., 232335.

French Hill, for young people, 4th floor, no lift, large, 75,000, 02-522864.

Giloi Mishal-Tenne, 4, dinette, double convenience, large balcony, 1st floor, 113sq.m., view, 02-961008.

Giloi, 4 furnished, 2nd floor, excellent location, 71,000, 673869.

Givat Zeev, 4, terrace, 1st floor, bargain! 49,000, Yehi Dvot, no agents! 02-21384-5.

Heart of Talpiot, Arab house, 41/2, 1st floor, all exposures, 200,000, Kef-Li, 244008, 248379, Malden.

Kiryat Shmuel, 4, hall, 1st floor, well lit, cupboards, 115,000, exclusive to Kef-Li, 244008, 248379, Malden.

Kiryat Arye, Maslot Dufna, 88,000, 4 large, exclusive to Holander 245625, Malden.

Neve Granot, 4, 3rd floor, lift, store room, well arranged, nice, 119,000, Arad and Partners, 02-692635.

Neve Yavot, 4, 1st floor, large, well lit, complete, 39,000, Kedai, 232271, 249080-1.

New Yavot, beautiful, good exposure, 85,976, except Shabbat.

New Yavot, centre, 4, 100sq.m., 4th floor, lift, 02-854795.

New Yavot, luxurious, 51,000, F.I.C.I. Realty 83, Malden, 228096, 222919.

Old Katamon, 4, large garden, Arab style, private entrance, 113,000, P.N.M., 232335.

Old Katamon, quiet, 41/2, 2nd floor, balconies, store room, bargain! Egar, 240702, 02-635852.

Old Talpiot, bargain, 4, 1st floor, store room, immediate, Zohar Realty (Malden), 720623, 244716.

Old Katamon, 4, open kitchen, large lounge, cupboards, attractive, 02-632458.

Ramat Denya, in terrace, 41/2, wonderful, large balcony, T.A.C. 631764, Malden.

Ramat Denya, 41/2, spacious, store room, lift, immediate, Kef-Li, 244008, 248379, Malden.

Ramat Eshkol, 4, dinette, cupboards, well kept, 4th floor, 95,437, weekdays.

Ramat Shariel, 4 rooms, separate entrance, huge balcony, Yomer, 02-212171.

Ramat Shariel, 4, spacious, 70,000, 4, luxurious, 92,000, 02-228227.

Ramat, 4, dinette, double convenience, 110sq.m., 02-877684.

Ramat, new cottage, private garden, patio and entrance, Zohar Realty 244716, 243368, Malden.

Realty Firm sells 4 room flat, French Hill, Ramat Denya, no agents, 63247-8.

Sanhedria, 4, lift, modern, urgent sale, Amman, 635084.

Sderot Harit, almost 31 Ground floor, separate entrance, 105,000, Better Bayit, 02-639545, Malden.

Sorotkin, Int'l, 61/2, 150sq.m., cupboards, 1st floor, 02-433835.

Talpiot, 4 1/2, 2nd floor, hall, all exposures, Michael Stern, 241367, 23017.

Talpiot, 41/2, view, lift, excellent view, Ambassador, 635084.

Ugavot Kiryat Shmuel, 61/2, 97sq.m., lift to garden, T.A.C. 631764, Malden.

Ugavot Talpiot, 4, nice, dinette, 43,000, T.A.C. 631764, Malden.

Uziel, 41/2, wonderful, balcony, splendid view, Zohar Realty, 244716, 247777, Malden.

Armon Hanatziv, 4, 2nd floor, well kept, southern, view, Exclusive to Cohen, 243105-6.

Armon, 4, double convenience, roof balcony, Isco, 02-245724.

Baka, Arab house, 5, spacious, 130,000, Sharon, 246643, Malden.

Bargain! Giloi, 4, balcony, charming, 54,000, New Yavot, 601, 48,000, 232377.

Bargain! Kiryat Shmuel Hayatayim, 4, 2nd floor, quiet, 110,000, Cohen, 243105-6.

Bargain, Giloi Hebadash, 4 large, 2nd floor + balcony, 54,000, Tivich, 23311-2-3-4.

Bargain, Ramat Eshkol, 4, quiet + view, Yash, 02-24012, Malden.

Bargain, salfert, New Yavot, 4, 3, immediate, 02-573306.

Bayit Vengal, 5 + dinette, large, luxurious, well developed, 3rd floor, excellent exposures, view Dur-Nof, 02-24021.

Bayit Vengal, religious, 5, 2nd floor, southern + succa, Or-Tel, 02-228888.

Beit Hakerem, 4 + 1 room flat, well arranged, Exclusive to King David (Malden), 634789.

Beit Hakerem, 4, new, quiet, view, 105,000, Avri Cohen, Malden, 228922, 233125.

Beit Hakerem, 4 1/2, store room, 70sq.m., 165,000, Sharon, 21292, Malden.

Centre, 5, luxurious, spacious, large balcony, Friedman Realty, 666943, Malden.

East Talpiot, 4, 2nd floor, cupboards, solar boiler, Capital, 02-532131.

East Talpiot, cottage, view, 4, private entrance, quiet, Capital, 02-532131.

French Hill, 4, huge, 3rd floor, view, 94,000, exclusive, Mikbatz Realty, 243006-7.

Hua-Nof campaign, 3 1/2, 35,000, 4 1/2, 63,000, penthouse, 95,000 + VAT, 28831, Armon.

Kiryat Moshe, bargain, 4, beautiful, 1st floor, good exposures, Dur-Nof, 02-243021.

Kiryat Shmuel, 41/2, 2-levels, luxurious, garden, patio, Isco, 02-245724.

Kiryat Shmuel, Brod, private, view, 4 rooms, 02-636668, from afternoon.

Megiddo Towers, 4, second owner, immediate! Tovia Bier (Malden), 242621.

Mevaseret Zion, cottages, 200sq.m., constructed, from \$116,500, not including VAT, Dvir Soked Boneh, 02-24022, 02-249172.

Palmah, immediate, 5 + balconies, 6th floor, 140,000, 02-577710, 02-63284.

Rehavia, 4 1/2, large, immediate, 125,000, Keys at King David (Malden), 634995.

Rehavia, 5, parking, 150,000, Beit Hakerem, Habana, 4, balconies, store room, bargain! Kiryat Shmuel 4, balcony, 110,000, Yagur, 232377.

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Talpiot, 5, spacious, 3rd floor, lift, 2 convenience, underground parking, store room, Capital, 02-532131.

Talpiot, 8, modern flat, view, Tovia Bier (Malden), 232621.

Talpiot, 4, Shalom Yehuda, bargain, cupboards, balconies, 02-61092, 244008, 248379, Malden.

Talpiot, 4, hall, 1st floor, well lit, cupboards, 115,000, exclusive to Kef-Li, 244008, 248379, Malden.

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Sderot Harit, almost 31 Ground floor, separate entrance, 105,000, Better Bayit, 02-639545, Malden.

Sorotkin, Int'l, 61/2, 150sq.m., cupboards, 1st floor, 02-433835.

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strength. Agudat Yisrael's Menahem Porush interjected here, "Perhaps you should add, 'and on the grace of God'."

Peres called on King Hussein of Jordan to "come to the negotiating table so that we can reach true peace. Jordan can raise any proposals and the new government will consider them seriously, in the hope that Jordan will likewise be open to proposals we will make."

"Both Jordan and Israel have many enemies, and a courageous, ongoing dialogue between our two countries could make life easier for both of us. Let the Jordan River serve as a source of irrigation for farmers on either side rather than a body of water across which we hear only threats," Peres said.

Peres also appealed to Egypt to "deepen" its relationship with Israel, and said he hoped Cairo would soon return its ambassador to Tel Aviv. The Camp David Accord, which Peres did not mention in his references to Jordan, had contributed to the security of both Israel and Egypt, and had raised new hopes among Israelis for economic and political cooperation with Egypt that could enhance the entire region, for the welfare of all the people.

After acknowledging the support of the U.S., Peres called on the leaders of the Kremlin to renew diplomatic ties with Israel "even if differences of opinion will remain between us."

He said: "We have only two demands to make of the Soviet Union—that it stop supporting the rejectionist front (Arab) states and that it open its gates to our people who wish to leave."

At this point, Peres read a cable received yesterday morning from a group of Jews in Leningrad, Moscow, Riga and Odessa in which they appeal to President Herzog and the Knesset to try to persuade the Soviet authorities to allow them to leave for Israel.

The new prime minister said Israel has "a special obligation" to ensure equal rights for the country's Arab and Druse citizens, "to develop their villages and afford all people economic and professional opportunities commensurate with their abilities."

"The State of Israel belongs not only to the Jewish nation but also to the people who actually live here. Therefore, equality must prevail among all citizens regardless of their religion, while at the same time the ties between Israel and the Jewish Diaspora must be maintained," Peres said.

Peres concluded his speech by raising Yitzhak Shamir, "whom I have learned to appreciate not only for his genuine spirit of cooperation but also for his readiness to discuss disputed issues."

After Peres listed his cabinet, the ministers rose one by one to declare their allegiance to the government.

More than two dozen Knesset members from all factions took the "oath" following Peres's address, to speak for or against the national unity government.

Hillel interrupted this debate to call for a vote on an amendment to the Basic Law: The Government. In the past there have been one or two deputy premiers; under the new version of the law there would be a deputy premier, and two more deputy vice-premiers.

In presenting the amendment, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim explained that the purpose was to formalize the post of acting prime minister. At present, when the prime minister is out of the country or indisposed, the cabinet has to decide on which minister to name as acting premier.

Plem man charged with murder of associate

A Jerusalem building contractor was yesterday charged with the murder of a Bethlehem man in March. The accused is Shlomo Shmuel, 43.

Shmuel had been arrested on suspicion of involvement in the murder the day after the body was discovered in the dead man's car by a roadside near Jerusalem. He was released 27 days later for lack of evidence. The police suspected Shmuel because he had had business

Under the new law, the deputy prime minister will automatically assume the post of prime minister until the premier returns from abroad or until he is able to resume his functions in office, if he had been indisposed.

Like the prime minister but unlike other ministers, the deputy premier must be a Knesset member.

Following are excerpts from MKs' remarks during the debate on the unity government:

Muhammed Miari, Progressive List for Peace: "We reject Peres's proposal that we express confidence in the new government. The so-called national unity government is really the same old lady clothed in a new robe. We recognize that lady well. She is the Likud, and all we have here is a wide coalition obligated to continue the Likud's policies."

Then, paraphrasing the Biblical passage in which Isaac comments on his son Jacob disguised as Esau, Miari proclaimed: "The hands are the hands of the Likud, and the voice is the voice of the Alignment."

Dov Shilansky, Likud: "The Likud's new government partners will have to realize that members of Herut cannot yield on the sanctity of Jewish settlement in all of Eretz Yisrael. Under no circumstances will we agree that Hebron, Nablus and Bethlehem shall disappear from the landscape of a Jewish Eretz Yisrael. Whoever refuses to accept our position on settlement may as well tear to shreds the coalition agreement."

Geula Cohen, Tehiya: "This could have been a great day. Instead all the opportunities have been missed. And a question to President Herzog: Your Excellency, I have nothing against you, having visited Upper Nazareth. But why not also visit the renewed Jewish settlement in Hebron?"

Shulamit Aloni, Citizens Right Movement: "There is no justification for a national unity government. We to a government headed by a Labour Party premier but whose dominant ideology is that of Herut!"

Victor Shemtov, Mapam: "Fear was the midwife in the birth of this creature we call national unity government. There was Shamir's fear of losing power and Peres's fear of remaining in the opposition. Be careful, Mr. Shamir. You may not become prime minister when rotation time comes around. Arik Sharon has other ideas."

Winding up the debate, Peres chided Mapam and the CRM for deserting the Alignment and choosing the opposition.

Peres said: "A national unity government is not a sin. Mapam itself once served in such a government. The price we would have had to pay in a narrow-based government would have been higher than the price we will have to pay as members in a national unity government."

Another advantage of a national unity government, he said, was that withdrawal of forces from Lebanon would be easier since the defence minister would not have to worry about political backlash as he makes his decision.

Peres admitted that neither the Likud nor the Alignment had changed its mind about West Bank settlement. "The Alignment is still opposed to Jewish settlement in densely populated Arab areas, as opposed to the Likud view. But we agree that existing Jewish settlements should not be dismantled."

Peres also warned that political argumentation in Israel had become tinged with hatred and only a national unity government could contribute to removing that hatred from legitimate critical debate.

Correction

The photograph on page 6 of today's weekend magazine is of Mohamed Mahamid, a former chairman of the Umm el-Fahm council and not of Hashem Mahamid, the current chairman.

dealing with the dead man, Issa al-Maslama Abu-Khader, and had been supposed to complete a large trade of construction equipment with Abu-Khader the day after the death.

The police continued investigating Shmuel's involvement in the murder after his release, and found a packet of blood-stained clothes in a well near his house after pumping water out of the well.

In light of this and other evidence, the Attorney-General permitted Shmuel's arrest for the second time.

BORDER TALKS. — A top-level Indian delegation is to leave today for China for talks over the disputed border between the two countries.

FINAL ACCORD

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MKS' right to propose private members' bills. On their minds was the amendment to the Law of Return giving sanction to Halachic conversion only.

On Wednesday night before midnight, Morasha MK Rabbi Avraham Werdiger started telephoning reporters to inform them that Clause 33 of the coalition agreement was unacceptable to Morasha and hence could not be swallowed by other Orthodox factions. This clause requires all private bills on religious issues to get prior approval from the coalition executive.

The moment Morasha began making a fuss, Aguda could not be seen to lag behind.

Aguda leader Avraham Shapira made a great show of anger, striding around the cabinet floor of the Knesset building, threatening that Aguda would not sign the agreement. The Likud negotiators saw that a significant change would have to be made.

But it took nearly two hours of agitated rushing to and fro before a

compromise formula was found, saying that the premier and deputy premier will be empowered to decide when private bills on religious issues can be brought to the plenum. Once this hurdle had been overcome, everything began to fall into place.

Aguda had its deputy minister, Menahem Porush, in the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry, and its Knesset Finance Committee chairman, Avraham Shapira.

Shas agreed to have Peretz serve as minister without portfolio until the fate of the Interior and Religious Affairs Ministries is settled.

Morasha got its minister without portfolio, Yosef Shapiro (who is not an MK), though not a deputy minister as well, as Verdiger had hoped.

The NRP had to make do with one minister without portfolio for the time being: Yosef Burg.

The last signatures were appended only at 3:30 p.m., half an hour before the Knesset session. But that had not kept Peres from telling President Chaim Herzog that he had formed a government, as charged.

ANTI-SHAMIR

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and Ben-Elissar both have a grudge against Shamir because they believe that if Herut's fifth and sixth cabinet seats had been filled by the central committee last Tuesday night in a secret ballot, the two of them would almost certainly have been chosen as ministers.

Herut sources said last night that if the choice of deputy defence minister were to be left to the 25 Herut MKs, 20 would vote for Ben-Elissar and five for Michael Dekel, who was deputy agriculture minister in the outgoing cabinet.

There is a feeling among the Herut MKs that Dekel, along with Likud whip Ronnie Milo, has been exerting undue influence on Shamir lately and causing him to make mistakes that have weakened his position in Herut. They feel that Shamir decided against a secret ballot on Tuesday night because Dekel and Milo convinced him that it was more important to assert his authority as party boss than to permit a harmless exercise in internal democracy.

According to the party's constitution, Shamir is not obliged to leave decisions such as the selection of a deputy defence minister to the Herut wing of the Likud faction, but he could be compelled to bring the matter up in the central committee.

One Herut minister said that if Shamir became disgusted with a squabble inside Herut between two rivals for deputy defence minister, he might well pick an easy way out and nominate Ehud Olmert for the job, in the tradition of "a plague on both your houses."

Shamir has to compensate Olmert's La'am faction somehow for not having given it any posts at all.

Hurricane Diana slams Carolina coast

WILMINGTON, North Carolina (AP) — Hurricane Diana blasted into coastal North Carolina early yesterday with 177-kilometres-per-hour winds and blinding rain, ripping down a water tower, lifting cars off the ground, turning roof shingles into projectiles and sending whitecapped waves down flooded streets.

No injuries were reported yesterday and the only fatality attributed to the hurricane has been an elderly man, who died of a heart attack on Wednesday.

The first Atlantic hurricane of the season ended a day of indecisive spinning offshore when it suddenly

charged the coast Wednesday night. The eye of the storm touched land at 2:15 a.m. local time at Fort Fisher, south of Wilmington, the National Weather Service reported.

At the wind's peak, transformers began blowing up like a chain of fireworks, filling the air with sparks. Columns of water swirled in the darkness, and trees bent to the ground.

Many residents who had been evacuated on Tuesday returned on Wednesday to survey damage to their homes and were caught along with sightseers by the storm's lurch to land.

Neo-Nazi denies killing Jew and friend

NUREMBERG, West Germany (Reuters) — Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, leader of the banned paramilitary neo-Nazi Wehrsportgruppe Hoffmann (WSG), denied yesterday any involvement in the murder of a Jewish publisher and his companion.

Hoffmann, 46, on trial for allegedly ordering the murders, also denied torturing members of his group in a Palestinian training camp in Lebanon and planning terrorist attacks in the German Federal Republic.

He said the charge that he had given one of his supporters the order to shoot dead a prominent Jewish

publisher, Shlomo Levin, and his companion, Frida Poeschke, at their home at Erlangen, in southern Germany, in 1982 was preposterous.

Hoffmann's girlfriend, 36-year-old Franziska Birkmann, is accused of aiding and abetting the murders.

Hoffmann admitted providing support Uwe Behrendt with a plane ticket for his escape abroad after the murders, but this had not been pre-arranged.

He said he was not a Nazi and would make a statement on his views about Jews that would prove he was not a "Jew-hater."

Ceremony at 11 a.m.

Outgoing prime minister Yitzhak Shamir is to hand over the Prime Minister's Office to his successor, Shimon Peres, at a brief ceremony this morning at 9 at the bureau.

After that ceremony, Prime Minister Peres is to present his cabinet to President Chaim Herzog at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi at 11.

Although Shamir, as foreign minister, will now be based at that ministry, he is to have a small suite in the Prime Minister's Office as deputy prime minister.

SETTLEMENT. — A seminar on the image of American olim living in Judea and Samaria and related topics will be held at the Ofra field school on Monday, September 17. It has been organized by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel and the Council of settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

2 families join

Tel Rumeida settlers

HEBRON (Itim). — The Jewish residents of Tel Rumeida near downtown Hebron yesterday brought two additional caravans to their settlement, contrary to the express instructions of outgoing Defence Minister Moshe Arens. Two new families promptly moved into the caravans.

The Israel Defence Forces prevented them from bringing three additional caravans to the settlement. The settlers brought the caravans to Hebron on their own initiative and without coordination with settlement authorities.

Meanwhile, two new settlement were this week established in Samaria. Ten families moved into Nahaliet, a Poalei Agudat Yisrael settlement, and 12 to Givat Levona, established by Gush Emunim.

Context

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The Post's Philip Gillon and Jack Leon attend the Israel Tennis Centre Classic at Ramat Hasharon this week.



Scenes from the Classic (from left): Elon Sinai, Roscoe Tanner and Amos Mansdorf. (Hanoach Guthmann)

ON THE BALL

IN THEORY, 18-year-old Amos Mansdorf beating 32-year-old Roscoe Tanner should have been a tragic sight: the old injured lion was being humbled by the young one displaying its prowess. In reality, it was nothing of the sort, because Tanner simply refused to play the role for which one might have thought he had been cast. Although mastered on the court, he was at all times complete master of the occasion. He dominated his opponent, the umpire, the linesmen and the crowd by the exuberance, sportsmanship and enjoyment he brought to tennis, despite his injured elbow. Although he took the game seriously, he did not look like Hamlet or Byron, as many modern players do.

He even treated his injury with relish. Given half a chance, he went into great and enthusiastic detail about all his operations, how the surgeons had to fish out chips of bones from all over the place, and had to hack away at a swollen tendon.

"Every time I serve, it's as if somebody was hitting me on the point of the elbow with a hammer," he explained proudly. "It doesn't matter if I serve hard or fast, although I can't get to more than two-thirds of my full pace. And I'm tortured by arthritis." He faces the fact that this injury was the price he had to pay for having the fastest service in the game, measured at 153 miles an hour, a service that carried him to the number five spot in the world, and to one of the greatest finals in the history of Wimbledon, in which he went down in five sets to Bjorn Borg.

During his match with Mansdorf, he kept the crowd applauding by giving points to his opponent, in defiance of the linesmen and umpire, when he thought Mansdorf's shots were in, and by exclamations of "Good shot!" when Mansdorf did something particularly good.

Some people may think that these were just clowning gestures to cover up his own inadequacies and to ham it up for the plaudits of the mob. But he did the same when he played that Wimbledon final against the Swedish star. After Borg had won an almost miraculous point, Tanner

patted him admiringly on the top of the head with his racket.

AGAINST THE background of his own sportsmanship, it was interesting to hear his opinion about the misbehaviour of John McEnroe, the world's number one player; misconduct that is being imitated by hundreds of youngsters around the globe, who cannot copy McEnroe's shots but can ape his antics.

"I'm very sad about what's happening," he said. "It makes me very unhappy to be always apologizing for my sport. There was always this kind of trouble, but it was not as predominant as it is today. I don't think that it can go on. The rules must be upheld."

"Clearly, the answer isn't just to impose fines. A player like McEnroe can pay these easily. The answer has to be suspension. I think he is trying to be better now—he behaved well at Wimbledon and Flushing Meadows this year. I remember sharing one press conference with him, some years ago, where he was asked if he did not feel any responsibility as the world's number one player, and he answered that he did not. I think now he does feel that responsibility. He has been placed on the board of directors of the players' association; this may make him behave better."

"But the place to begin countering misbehaviour is not at the top. It's not even among the professionals. We have to start among the kids, the amateurs. We can't expect them to change when they join the circuit, if they've developed bad habits. We must teach them that success in tennis depends not only on your strokes, but how you handle yourself."

BORN IN Chattanooga, Tennessee, the son of a lawyer, Tanner was an all-American at Stanford University. He won the Australian Open in 1977, and qualified for the Masters' tournament in New York on four occasions. He has been on the circuit for 12 years.

"Tennis has been very good to me," he said, "but the circuit's not a piece of cake. It's a very tough proposition, and it's getting tougher all the time. It's an intensely competitive way to earn a living. But I've enjoyed it all the time. Now, any of

the top 100 are liable on their day to beat any of the top 30."

From what we saw at Ramat Hasharon, any of the top 300 can produce shocks.

Tanner is committed to playing three more tournaments this year, then he'll take time off for a long rehabilitation programme. If he succeeds, he'll return to the circuit, although he is now expanding his business interests.

RIGHT AT THE other extreme in age is Aaron Krickstein, who turned 17 on August 2. His record includes being the youngest player ever to win a Volvo Grand Prix tournament. In 12 sensational months, since he won the Ramat Hasharon title last year as a virtual unknown outside the junior ranks, he has soared to his present ranking of 13 on the ATP computer. He still has to play in three more Grand Prix events; if things go right for him, he may make the top 12 in the world, over a period of a year, who compete in the Masters at Madison Square Garden next January.

Unlike most other young American players, Krickstein is a baseline player. He only comes up to the net to round off a rally in which his deadly ground strokes have forced his opponent to put up a soft, short ball; then his volley or smash is placed with meticulous precision.

When he is on the court, he seems to be so mature, so much a master, not only of technique but also of temperament, that it is something of a shock, when we meet him afterwards, to find that he is still a schoolboy. He has to finish another year of schooling.

How in the name of heaven does he combine his education with the arduous of the circuit?

He admits that it's very tough. "Whenever I get time off from tennis, I go back to my schooling. But it's hard."

Despite his difficulties, his average grade is B-plus, so he seems to be managing.

Coming to Ramat Hasharon for the Carl Lindner Tennis Centre Classic was in a way an act of sentiment for Krickstein's part.

"But I plan to come back here every year," he says.

An unexpected appointment

By HYAM CORNEY / Post London Correspondent

THE MOST unexpected, and potentially controversial, appointment made by Margaret Thatcher this week in her autumn cabinet reshuffle was that of David Young as minister without portfolio, with special responsibility for economic and unemployment problems.

One newspaper has stated that he has now become "the most influential voice in the government over economic policy, with the job of cabinet office trouble-shooter."

It is a surprise appointment for a number of reasons. Young is not a politician. Thatcher had to give him a peerage so that he could enter the House of Lords and thus take up his cabinet seat.

The addition of Lord Young to the cabinet means that it now has four Jews—all of them in senior and key roles. The others are Leon Brittan, home secretary; Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer; and Sir Keith Joseph, education secretary. There was criticism when the first three cabinet members were appointed. By ignoring them and adding a fourth Jew, Thatcher has shown characteristic toughness and a determination to choose whom she considers the best person for the job—regardless of his faith.

But she can expect increased criticism. Hitherto, most of it has been confined to pro-Arab and extremist racist publications.

She is constantly attacked from the same sources whenever she attends any Jewish or pro-Israel function. She ignores these as well. She has willingly agreed recently to become president of a new branch of the Conservative Friends of Israel, an organization of which she is a founder member and of which she has remained a member during her



Young... object of criticism.

rise from the ranks as an ordinary member of parliament until her arrival in 10 Downing Street.

David Young can also expect criticism. He is more than a nominal Jew, having been actively associated with ORT for many years both on the national and international levels. Like his brother Stuart, the chairman of the BBC, he identifies openly and proudly with the Jewish community.

From the time that he was the surprise choice for the BBC chair-

manship just over a year ago, Stuart Young has repeatedly been the target for attack from pro-Arab and anti-Jewish sources.

By coincidence, the last few days have seen a renewed outbreak as Young was accused by sections of the press for interfering with a BBC television programme on Meir Kahane. The Israeli embassy and the Board of Deputies of British Jews protested to the BBC about the title of the programme, *Merchant of Menace*. In fact, the title was dropped when the programme was transmitted.

Young's enemies, always eager for an opportunity to accuse him of "Zionist bias," jumped in with glee. His brother David will not be surprised, therefore, if he receives similar treatment.

YOUNG, LAWSON, Brittan and Joseph are not the only Jews holding important posts in the Thatcher government. Two of the most influential men in her Downing Street office are Sir David Wolfson, her unofficial *chef de cabinet*, and a nephew of Sir Isaac Wolfson, and Anthony Shrimley, the head of her press office.

None of this has led Thatcher to pursue a policy which friends of Israel would describe as "pro-Israel." There has been an improvement of late in relations between Britain and Israel but this has been brought about largely through the foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe.

One major bone of contention remains—Britain's attitude to the Arab boycott. David Young's addition to the cabinet however, will not influence Britain's Middle East policy.

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TORY MP Winston Churchill Jr., who's got the most door-opening name in journalism, was here last week on an assignment for *The Observer*. I hear that when he met Shimon Peres, Churchill said an Israeli national unity government was as if British Labour had voted for Conservative Premier Margaret Thatcher. Unfazed, Peres rejoined: "No, it's as if Labour had voted for your grandfather, which it did in World War II."

Abba Eban was in top form at the Labour Party Central Committee debate when he said: "It's only two months since Shimon dismissed the idea of a national unity coalition as a recipe for national paralysis... and truth does not cease being truth in the duration of two months... It's changed because of irreversible exigencies..." On another occasion he quipped: "You could fill the Maan Auditorium with all those who've been promised the Foreign Ministry..."

SOME CALL IT the government of national salvation, the less charitable contend it's been the salvation first of all of Peres and Yitzhak Shamir, and then of Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon — the real winners of the coalition making. It's already conjectured that the Peres-Shamir duo will soon find themselves dealing with a counter-team of Rabin and Sharon, whose decades-old comradeship started in their army days when Chief of General Staff Rabin saved Sharon's military career by giving him a senior command position. Rabin as premier angered his de-

fence minister, Peres, by installing Sharon as his special adviser. Arik, in turn, when defence minister, got Rabin to advise him in mid-1982 how to tighten the siege over Beirut.

Assuming it all stays together this week: they're saying that Peres will go down in history as the one who saved the Likud by enabling Shamir to give in to Sharon.

LABOUR MK Ora Namir rather sadly remarked this week: "Sharon is getting from Peres and Rabin the kind of senior cabinet post denied him by Menachem Begin and Shamir." No wonder that Uri Avnery's *Haolam Hazeh* magazine reportedly is planning to pick Arik as its "Man of the Year" for its Rosh Hashana issue.

Sharon has certainly provided the quote of the year. When asked at Ben-Gurion Airport whether he'd be ready to work alongside those Labour leaders whom he'd called PLO agents when they sought his dismissal from defence, he said: "I'm ready to forgive them for what they've said."

Namir spoke for many voters, not only of her gender, when declaring her shock at the exclusion of women from our largest government ever, declaring: "I'm no feminist, but our top men do seem to be male chauvinists, and I include my four party leaders in that category. It seems that they're less sensitive in this matter than was the founding generation."

IT'S NOT true that Yahad's Ezer Weizman now joins the long list of those let down by Peres, although he'll be excluded from foreign affairs

Churchillian banter

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Meir Rosenne.



Ora Namir.

and the peace process by Shamir's vote. Peres is considering appointing Yahad's Avraham Tamir as Director General of the Prime Minister's Office.

Labour's Tel Aviv Branch chief Elyahu Speiser will be one of three rivals for the post of Labour Secretary-General, vacated by incoming police minister Haim Bar-Lev. The others are Jerusalem branch chief Uzi Baram and Lashiv younger leadership circle head Micha Harish. I'm told that Shamir's

plan to appoint our Counsellor at the Washington Embassy, Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu as our new man at the UN was partly influenced by his merit as a good P.R. man and by his being a protégé of Moshe Arens. This move will be challenged by Foreign Ministry legal adviser Eli Rubinstein who had a commitment from Shamir for the UN post. Rubinstein was so sure he'd get the post that he even registered his children at a New York Hebrew school. It's not clear whether Shamir will indeed appoint Ronnie Milo as his deputy foreign minister, but it seems he's decided to dispatch his factotum Yosef Ben-Aharon to be No. 2 at the Washington Embassy, ensuring that he'll have his own supervisor of Ambassador Meir Rosenne.

Ehud Olmert mourns Yossi Sarid's exit from Labour, declaring "I'll miss him as a debating partner." Entering his 22nd government in 33 years, is the NRP's Yosef Burg Talleyrand in Yiddish — at 75. People are now saying that he meant he will quit at the age of 85, and not in 1985.

THE FORMATION of the cabinet will now enable President Chaim Herzog to leave for the Netherlands on Sunday at Queen Beatrix's invitation to attend the memorial ceremony presided over by the queen's father, Prince Bernhard, marking the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Nijmegen and Holland's liberation.

He wished thereby to acknowledge the Jewish presence in the world war.

The president was busy in Galilee during the past week, touring Druse villages where he was a guest of their spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif and meeting Moslem, Christian and Baha'i leaders in Acre at the Al-Jazz Mosque. On both occasions he assailed attempts to challenge the equality of all communities, declaring "I am the president of all Israeli citizens."

While in Tiberias, the president thrilled onlookers with a first-class performance of water-skiing, and caused a flutter at the Plaza Hotel when giving up his reservation of the presidential suite for the most celebrated newlyweds in the land, paratroop lieutenant Shimon Levy and his brand-new spouse Zehava (nee Albaz). He was the most honoured guest at the marriage of the son of Deputy Premier David Levy and his wife Rachel in their Beisan home. Attended by a household of VIPs, including Premier Shamir, Labour's Yitzhak Navon and most incoming and outgoing ministers, they all enjoyed the traditional Moroccan Jewish wedding, and feasted on Mrs. Levy's renowned cooking.

WHEN OUTGOING Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orpaz was asked whether Israel was a land that consumed its finance ministers, he declared that "what I have sown, so shall my successor, Yitzhak Moda'i, reap."

New MKs are very cautious with the kind of clothes they wear, partly because of the cautionary tale concerning tourism minister Avraham Shafir when he was a newcomer some years ago. He was wearing a light blue shirt and trousers and was making his way through the members' dining room, when one of the veterans called him over, saying: "Take this note to the room of the coalition executive chairman," bringing the new Liberal MK to protest: "But I'm not an usher." Light blue is the colour of the ushers' uniform.

THE PRIVILEGED group of prisoners at Tel Mond jail had a real treat, when Herut MK Dov Shilansky spent a session with those accused of belonging to the terror group, regaling them with reminiscences of his spell in prison in 1952, after his conviction for planting a bomb at the Foreign Ministry in the wake of the reparations agreement with Bonn.

Incidentally I hear that Judea and Samaria council chairman Yisrael Harel has been busy collecting tens

of thousands of dollars from American sympathizers for the accused, with Foreign Ministry approval.

IT WAS QUITE a farewell party given by Barbara Tausler ending her nine years as Austrian press and cultural counsellor at the Herzliya home of the absentee Austrian ambassador Otto Pleinert. The event turned into a celebration of friendship for the popular diplomat by the broad range of friends she made here. They included Yitzhak Rabin and wife Leah, Supreme Court Justice Gvrieli Bach, Mapam MKs Yair Tsaban and Elazar Granot, Progressive List's Uri Avnery, as well as such Liberals as Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo (Chick) Lahat, Michael Albin and Nahum Shatz of the WZO external relations department, plus such landowning capitalists as Avshalom Gissin and Binyamin Machness. It was quite a social mixture — author Dahn Ben-Amotz wandered dressed in a gala-bey near formally garbed Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, while Menachem Begin's old secretary Yona Klimovitzky was seen near Rachel Dayan who was in the company of painter Jean David and his cook book author wife Suzie. "Love" Elav said hello to Israel Press Council president Yehoshua Rottenreich, and mingled with such celebrities as author Yoram Kaniuk. Producer Ya'acov Agmon and actress wife Gila Almagor, was chatting to actor Yossi Yadin. Satirist Ephraim Kishon whose 60th birthday was marked last Sunday by a galaxy of artists and performers, was at the centre of a circle of admirers.

THE FIRST SIGNS of a recession have appeared in the advertising industry. The two founders of the Tal-Arroyo agency that handled the Likud election campaign — Bob Arroyo and Aharon Meidan — have quit, selling their shares mainly to Dahaf's Eliezer Djurabin, who already controlled 25 per cent of the firm. Arroyo will divide his time between his farm and being a public-

ity consultant, while Meidan, son-in-law of ex-founder Eliahu Tal, will focus on market research.

I also hear that Dahaf has been sacking many people, including such a senior executive as Moshe Machover. Meanwhile, I gather that the trio of the Keshet-Barel agency that handled the Labour campaign — Arye Rubenstein, Avner Barel and Zvi (Chicko) Friedman, who lately moved into a brand-new office building — are also beginning to feel the pinch.

NEW LABOUR MK Simcha Dinitz has quit his post as Hebrew University vice-president, but, I gather, will soon be co-opted onto the university board of governors.

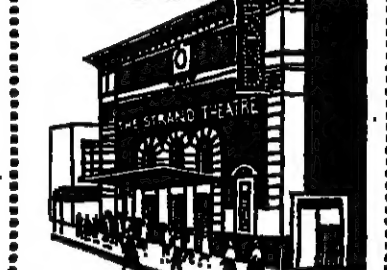
CONGRATULATIONS to J.P. staffer Lea Levavi on the publication of her first children's book in Hebrew verse, *The Dwarf Who Wanted to be a Giant*. Levavi, who came on aliyah in 1970, was assisted in the book by another J.P. staffer Sarah Ronig who supplied some charming illustrations.

THIS YEAR'S champion junketeer of the Jewish (Travel) Agency Executive is information head Uri Narkiss, who suddenly decided to spend thousands of dollars exploring the non-existent Zionist movements of Hongkong and Japan.

WHISKY AND OIL baron Edgar Bronfman, better known as the president of the World Jewish Congress, recently remarried his third wife, Georgie — mother of two of his five children — in a quiet ceremony in Manhattan.

THE NEW Knesset Speaker Shimon Hillel was asked by a reporter if he was anxious about facing what is certain to be a tumultuous Eleventh Knesset. He answered: "It's like when you're about to drive on a road, where a sign is posted saying, 'Be aware of low-flying airplanes.' So what do you do, don't drive along it?"

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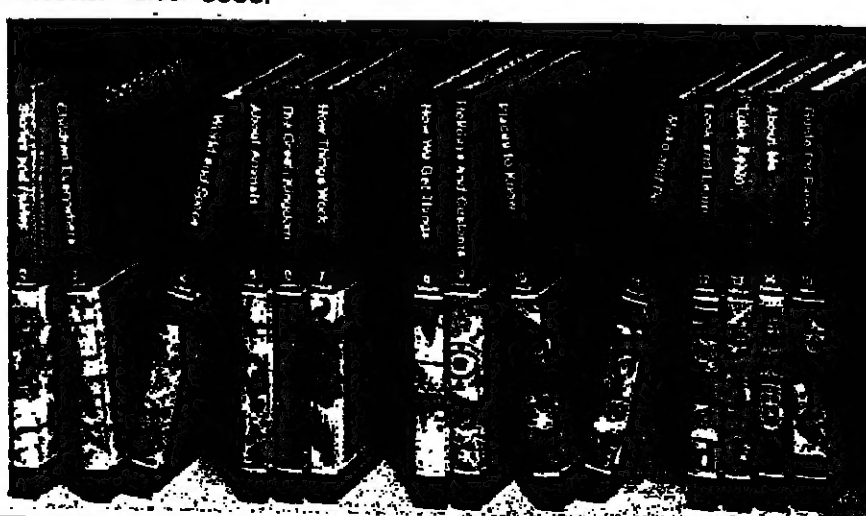
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New government ends share slump

EL AVIV. — The share market yesterday showed its relief that the government was finally to be elected by snapping out of the downward of the last two sessions and moving ahead on a broad front.

This week has been a classic case of fundamental and technical factors working together in the share market. At the beginning of the week a week's rally continued with even greater force. The profit-taking that emerged on Tuesday was natural, at it coincided with the crisis in the political arena and brought very sharp falls on Wednesday. By yesterday, with the coalition ready to be announced in the Knesset, the market was also ready to surge forward again.

It did this on a turnover of almost \$1.4 billion, less than Wednesday's cent high for volume in recent years, but still a good figure in comparison with the past months' average. Of this amount, over \$1.1b. was

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

again concentrated in the "arrangement" shares. But these were relatively restrained yesterday, after their sharp gains on Wednesday. The "arrangement" bank index was up by less than one per cent, and Leumi and Hapoalim, Wednesday's stars, were both fractionally lower. The remainder of the volume, worth about \$1 million, was traded in the "free" market sectors. Here there was a very positive trend, as the advance/decline statistics clearly show. The hopeful atmosphere is undoubtedly linked to the expectation of quick and meaningful economic measures by the new government. Most observers expect some or all of the steps to be announced over this weekend—in which case the exchange might be shut on Sunday.

MARKET STATISTICS

General Share Index 377.90 +1.98%
Non-bank Index 372.61 +1.69%
Arrangement Bank Index 449.99 +0.88%
Bank Index 303.23 +6.25%
Bond Index 313.35 +0.47%

Turnovers

ISL 392.5m.
ISB 216.9m.
ISL 260.4m.
Advances 307
Declines 52
Unchanged 152
of which 5% +
of which 5% -
"Buyers only" 27
"Sellers only" 2

Bond market trends

4% fully-linked: Rises to 4%
3% fully-linked: Mixed to 3%
80% linked: Rises to 2%
Double-option: Rises to 3%
Dollar-linked: Rises to 1-5

Most Active Shares

Hapoalim 9779 IS244.2m. -1
Mizrahi 5794 IS219.1m. +194
Leumi 6175 IS216.5m. -5

Sharpest Moves

Andromeda 480 -208 -30.2%
Atlantic op. 41 +7 +20.6%
Merrill 252 +40 +18.9%
Man 151 -285 -15%

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September 13, 1984
Bank base rate prev. close
Call money 12 12
91 day treasury 10 10 1/2
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September 13, 1984	IS		
U.S. dollar	357.41	Australian dollar	297.37
British sterling	454.39	South African rand	215.00
German mark	118.15	Belgian franc (10)	58.719
French franc	38.506	Austrian schilling (10)	168.21
Dutch guilder	104.78	Italian lire (1000)	192.04
Swiss franc	142.61	Japanese yen (100)	145.33
Spanish peseta	41.729	Irish pound	366.52
Portuguese escudo	41.783	Spanish peseta (100)	210.33
Danish krone	32.633	Jordanian dinar	904.25
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Canadian dollar	271.45	Egyptian pound	294.86

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		PURCHASE SALE	PURCHASE SALE
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Germany	MARK	117.4520 118.9176	116.4100 120.5500
France	FRANC	38.2712 38.7488	36.6000 39.2800
Netherlands	GUILDEN	104.1741 105.4740	103.2500 106.9200
Switzerland	FRANC	141.7702 143.5392	140.5100 145.5100
Sweden	KRONA	41.4702 41.9876	40.5600 42.5600
Norway	KRONA	41.5058 42.0708	40.6000 42.6000
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French FR	9.2850/75	per \$	
Italian Lire	1961.001/50	per \$	
Yen	245.906/05	per \$	
US\$	1.0001/006	per SDR	

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1.2745/28	2.4650/56	2.9798/13	
1.2801/15	2.4646/66	2.9798/98	

Commercial Banks	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
(not part of "arrangement")				
OHF	3850	5	+5	+1.3
Martime	2514	b.o.1	+120	+5.0
Martime	651	b.o.1	+31	+5.0
N. American	1979	10	+10	+5.5
N. American	1392	52	+24	+1.8
N. Amer. op	2518	37	n.c.	-
Danot	424	145	+20	+5.0
Danot	91	3038	+8	+10.3
Danot	229	105	+5	+2.1
First Int'l	529	187	+51	+10.0
FIBI	436	1045	+36	+9.0

Commercial Banks	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
(part of "arrangement")				
IDB	14738	1238	+281	+2.0
IDB	9779	13	+129	+1.7
IDB	90000	-	+1300	+1.4
Union	10690	412	+340	+3.1
Union	19000	22	n.c.	-
Discount	18250	153	+290	+1.6
Discount	1230	395	+102	+5.0
Discount	5794	5781	+194	+3.5
Mizrahi	5810	115	+170	+3.0
Mizrahi	2660	274	+80	+3.1

Commercial Banks	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
(part of "arrangement")				
Hapoalim	14850	-	+1350	+10.0
Hapoalim	9779	2496	-	-
Hapoalim	9720	241	n.c.	-
Hapoalim	37500	-	-	-
General	25000	88	+800	+3.3
General	60300	-	+400	+7.7
General	23200	-	+300	+1.3
General	18600	10	+400	+2.2
General	1200	40	+1	+1.1
Leumi	6175	3506	+5	-1.1
Leumi	93	401	+245	+3.0
Leumi	11	2363	197	+7.3
Finance Trade	8630	44	+400	+4.9
Finance Trade	4700	38	+360	+8.3

Mortgage Banks	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Adman	1378	10	n.c.	-
Gen. Mortgage	1301	80	+6	+5.5
Gen. Mortgage	1120	10	+10	+9.0
Carmel	1120	10	+10	+9.0
Carmel	494	30	+2	+4.0
Biyon	905	19	-15	-1.6
Dev. Mortgage	494	34	n.c.	-
Mishkan	1420	-	-	-
Independence	801	11	-29	-3.5
Tefahot	1597	13	+145	+10.0
Tefahot	1427	b.o.1	+68	+5.0
Tefahot	1120	55	+110	+9.9
Tefahot	660	536	+30	+4.8
Jaysour	191	172	-8	-4.0
Jaysour	155	50	-1	-0.6
Jaysour	35	77	n.c.	-
Merrill	743	408	+68	+10.1

Financial Institutions	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Shilon	115	1442	n.c.	-
Shilon	1485	-	-	-
Agriculture A	15000	-	-	-
Agriculture C	30250	-	-	-
Leumi	1120	55	+10	+9.9
Leumi	1163	-	-	-
Ind. Dev. P.	22350	-	-	-
Ind. Dev. C.	75000	-	+1000	+1.4
Ind. Dev. CC	48551	-	-	-
Ind. Dev. CC	48551	-	-	-
Ind. Dev. DD	39900	-	+200	+5.0
Ind. Dev. DD	12555	-	-	-
Contractors	565	404	+42	+8.0
Tourism	32200	-	+145	+5.5
Chal Trade	140	10	+10	+10.0
Chal Trade	261	166	+30	+10.1
Chal Trade	2704	213	+104	+4.0

Insurance	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Aryeh	625	41	n.c.	-
Aryeh	375	90	+32	+9.3
Aryeh	6457	-	+307	+5.0
Aryeh	705	20	+35	+5.0
Aryeh	314	620	+12	+4.0
Reimur	691	17	-69	-9.1
Reimur	205	-	-	-
Reimur	173	-	-	-
Phoenix	2172	-	-120	-5.2
Phoenix	600	-	-	-
Hamishmar	1640	-	-	-
Hamishmar	1175	-	-	-
Hamishmar	1602	-	-	-
Yardenia	945	186	+30	+5.8
Yardenia	216	23	-12	-5.4
Yardenia	131	2	-12	-8.4
Memorah	4125	3	+375	+10.0
Memorah	869	36	+79	+10.0
Sahar	740	14	+39	+5.4
Securitas	622	235	+3	+0.5
Zur	570	40	n.c.	-
Zion Hold.	746	93	+68	+10.0
Zion Hold.	243	206	n.c.	-

Trade & Services	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Inter-Gamma	445	65	+5	+1.1
Inter-Gamma	165	50	+10	+6.5
Inter-Gam. op	58	310	n.c.	-
Meir Ezra	680	25	n.c.	-
Meir Ezra op	430	35	n.c.	-
Tera	232	83	-38	-14.1
Tera	179	47	-6	-3.2
Tera	20	1808	n.c.	-
Clal Trade	252	46	-28	-10.0
Rapac	4400	2	+400	+10.0
Rapac	884	88	+73	+9.0
Supersol	2065	29	+45	+2.2
Supersol	916	261	+70	+8.3

Services	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Delek	2550	54	n.c.	-
Harel	2001	10	-89	-4.3
Harel	1095	-	-5	-0.5
Lifshitz	1653	12	+145	+9.6
Lifshitz	858	108	-12	-1.4
Cold Store	20160	-	-240	-1.0
Cold Store	10800	3	+801	+8.0
Israel Elec.	-	-	-	-
Bond Ware	1194	101	+96	+8.7
Bond Ware	585	160	+45	+8.3
Bond Ware	325	322	+32	+10.7
Consort Hold	289	335	n.c.	-
Consort op	148	95	n.c.	-
Consort op	138	-	-	-
Kopel	430	-	+3	+0.7
Kopel	234	-	-	-
Hotels, Tourism	-	-	-	-
Galei Zohar	-	-	-	-
Galei Zohar	-	-	-	-

Textiles and Clothing	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Oron	171	-	+1	+0.6
Oron	117	75	-	-
Baruch	520	1	n.c.	-
Baruch	280	-	-	-
Baruch	80	-	-	-
Alaska Sport	97	b.o.1	+4	+6.3
Alaska Sport	67	200	+4	+6.3
Alaska Sport	127	220	-7	-5.6
Alaska Sport	76	60	-8	-9.8
Alaska Sport	950	b.o.1	+45	+5.0
Alaska Sport	73	b.o.1	+3	+5.0
Alaska Sport	69	516	+6	+10.3
Alaska Sport	29	1370	+1	+5.5
Alaska Sport	461	78	+11	+2.4
Alaska Sport	372	232	-	-
Alaska Sport	115	-	-1	-0.9
Alaska Sport	62	80	+5	+8.7
Alaska Sport	37	-	-	-
Alaska Sport	217	31	+10	+4.8
Alaska Sport	123	26	-6	-5.0
Alaska Sport	279	106	n.c.	-
Alaska Sport	139	-	-	-
Alaska Sport	153	-	-	-
Alaska Sport	82	66	+5	+7.2

Computers	Closing price	Volume</
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Prime Minister Peres

THE NEW government got off to a good start yesterday with the concise, articulate and conciliatory presentation speech by Prime Minister Shimon Peres. He set the right tone for what could become a new era in Israel's politics, if only some of the hopes pinned on the national unity concept will come true.

It is a novel experiment in the realm of politics and governance, as the national unity government is based on the principle of parity between the two major political blocs. Thus, as Premier Peres put it aptly yesterday, Israel's new style of government will have to rely a great deal on mutual persuasion and decision by consent, following thorough pondering of the issues at stake.

The new government has its work cut out with an agenda of pressing problems from way before it was formed. The long months of the election campaign, followed by nearly eight weeks of gruelling coalition negotiations, have left many urgent affairs of state unattended. Foremost on that agenda is, of course, the grave state of Israel's economy.

It is no coincidence that Mr. Peres listed the economic crisis as the first task which his new government will have to tackle. He called for immediate, energetic action which will, however, fall short of shock treatment. It should, therefore, come as no surprise if we will wake up over the weekend living in a new economic reality, or its first steps.

The government's second urgent task he listed will be to bring the boys back home from Lebanon, where they have been far too long.

That will be done while the safety of Israel's northern settlements will be secured, probably through more innovative methods which have always been the forte of the Israel Defence Forces.

Mr. Peres also deserves praise for his forthright call to King Hussein to join Israel in negotiations for a true peace which would be mutually beneficial to both countries. Jordan, he said, could raise its own proposals at such negotiations and Israel would give them serious and open-minded consideration, just as it would expect King Hussein to give equally open-minded thought to Israel's proposals.

Coming from a Prime Minister who heads a broad national unity government together with the "national camp" of the Likud and even with a more nationalist-religious party, such as Morasha, these were certainly courageous words. Mr. Peres also gave a welcome opening to Egypt to revive the spirit of its peace with Israel which has already contributed considerably to the security of both countries. Calling for the improving and deepening of Israel-Egyptian relations, he rightly urged Cairo to return its ambassador to Israel, following a two-year absence.

Mr. Peres, in his well-known habit of scouting new political horizons, also did not miss the opportunity of calling on the Soviet Union to resume its diplomatic relations with Israel which Moscow severed in a huff over 17 years ago, much to the detriment of its own political stature in this part of the world. Moscow should move from the rejectionist front to the front of negotiations and mutual talks, he held, despite its existing marked difference with Jerusalem. Not dithering Israel's stature, he also made a fervent call to the Kremlin to "let my people go."

In the context of not giving in to the seemingly unattainable in the realm of diplomacy, Mr. Peres also knocked openly on the door of great China, urging Peking to bridge the immense geographical distance with Jerusalem.

Israel's special relations and common purpose and vision with the United States, deserved, of course, his special mention, as an unusually dear relationship, not just on account of Washington's generous military and economic aid.

On the domestic front, Mr. Peres made a timely reminder of the government's determination to uphold the rule of law which has recently been flouted far too often. He also reiterated the fully equal rights of Israel's Arab and Druse citizens and made a much needed plea for mutual tolerance between the country's religious and secular citizens, as well as for the need of reconciliation between Israel's various ethnic groups.

In his Knesset speech yesterday, Mr. Peres proved that he can be an able statesman and not just a clever politician. As it often happens in life as in politics, people are capable of rising in stature in a new role and challenge that is offered them. Israel's new Prime Minister, the eighth head of government in over 36 years, is likely to prove that he has the ability and talent to rise to the occasion, despite the enormous hurdles which preceded this special day in his life.

The key-stone of the new government will undoubtedly be the special relationship between Prime Minister Peres and his predecessor and now first Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. The unexpected ability of the two leaders of the major parties to develop a high degree of mutual trust and cooperation, as has been proved during the dramatic ups and downs of the drawn-out coalition talks, is perhaps the most pronounced cause for optimism that the government they head will not founder prematurely.

Elding appointment

THE ELECTION of Shlomo Hillel as Speaker of the Knesset is welcome news in a period in which the stridency of the political debate seems to have grown to dangerous proportions.

His personal biography which encompasses clandestine and dangerous activity in the exodus of the Iraqi Jewish community to Israel in the late 1940's through service as a veteran diplomat, Knesset Member and minister of police, is an evocation of old-time pioneering Israel at its best.

This record, combined with an innate gentility, should stand him in good stead in presiding over a House whose most urgent need is the restoration of a badly eroded popular respect for what should be the repository and symbol of the people's sovereignty.

There is no reason to regret the fact that Hillel was not elected unanimously, although he certainly possesses the warm regard of the overwhelming majority of the House. What is to be regretted is that a major party like the Likud has proven so bankrupt and inept as to find it impossible to find a suitable candidate to compete with Mr. Hillel other than the unacceptable Meir Cohen-Avidov.

For just as Shlomo Hillel can be counted among the best that Israel has to offer, MK Cohen-Avidov could be counted among the worst, as he has gone out of his way in pandering to the racist fringes in Israel.

One cannot welcome Hillel's election without giving voice to a twinge of regret over the failure of the Labour Party to have decided at an early stage on the candidacy of Abba Eban for the post. His performance as acting Speaker in a mini-career of two sessions provided a tantalizing taste of what a difference a man of his talents, spirit, erudition and wit could make.

KEEP ISRAEL BEAUTIFUL!

Silver lining

By YOSEF GOELL

THERE WAS a danger last weekend that the cynics might be proven wrong, and that prime minister-designate Shimon Peres might just smoothly pull off the presentation of his unity cabinet to the Knesset for its approval nearly a week ahead of this coming Sunday's deadline.

In the event, they need never have feared; their well-founded cynicism was never really in peril. A political ethos dominated by a sufficient number of power-hungry, pugnacious and downright ornery politicians provided the guarantee that the traditionally lengthy process of coalition-forming would again go right up to the photo finish.

The public, however, seems to have become jaded with the on-again, off-again switches of the close to eight weeks of false starts and false alarms which followed the July 23 elections.

The antics of the politicians and of their parties, magnified by a maddeningly glib media, which insisted on reporting every zig and zag in the negotiations with cosmic seriousness, are largely responsible for the aura of gloom and downright despondency with which many are greeting the new government.

No one can tell whether this government of strange bedfellows will last more than a few weeks or months or whether it will actually live for the 25 months at the end of which Shimon Peres has undertaken to make way for Yitzhak Shamir in premiership. What is even more uncertain is whether this government will be capable of tackling the two most urgent problems facing the country: the economy, and extricating the Israel Defence Forces from the attrition of a no-win situation in Southern Lebanon.

The performance of Ariel Sharon and David Levy at the midweek Herut central committee would seem to ensure that the frictions to be expected in the new government between the Likud and Labour factions will be overshadowed by the pyrotechnics that will mark the drive of these two to unseat Shamir.

Peres and Shamir — and the country — certainly deserve to be given the benefit of the doubt for the traditional 100 days of grace. But despite our Jewish penchant for seeing gloom and doom around every corner, when one looks at the bottom line of these eight maddening weeks, one can perceive distinct silver linings peeping through the black clouds.

RELIGIOUS PARTIES: There is good reason to believe that the anomalous situations of recent administrations, in which the religious parties lost electoral strength but gained in political clout, will not be repeated so aggravatingly this time.

READERS' LETTERS

TOURIST GUIDE COURSE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, I am a Christian who came about eight years ago from Finland to work in tourism in Israel. I started to take the tour guide course in the autumn of 1983 and cannot tell you how much I am enjoying it and how much it is giving me.

Although I know Israel very well, it has been a marvellous experience to take the tours of the course with different experts and to get answers to various questions I had in mind.

Of course, the course is in Hebrew and it was difficult for me to follow it at the beginning. But thanks to helpful friends in my class, I managed to do so.

In order to become a good tourist guide, it is not sufficient only to take this 18-month course. One must gain practice in human relations and continue to acquire information from additional reading.

Special people are needed to work in tourism and I am grateful to Israel for having given me the opportunity to study at the school of tourism. The fees are high, but worth every penny.

AULI LAPPALAINEN
Jerusalem.

REVOLTING SPECTACLE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The spectacle of our purported leaders squabbling over government like hyena over carrion is revolting. Our country sorely needs statesmanship, not politics. Instead, we are confronted with the all too familiar picture of greedy politicians, whose factional interests are stale and divorced from reality, grubbing for power.

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The explanation for their power in the two Begin governments and the recent one headed by Yitzhak Shamir, was that Menachem Begin had a weak spot for accommodating religious party demands way beyond what their numbers in the population or the Knesset warranted. Besides, the narrow Begin coalitions were nearly always totally dependent on the religious MKs, and for long periods even just on Aguda. Shamir didn't dare rock the boat when he took over.

It will be far different in a broad government, which will tolerate the presence of the religious parties but by no stretch of the imagination depend on them.

EDUCATION MINISTRY: Undoubtedly the most brilliant aspect of this particular silver lining is the wresting of the Ministry of Education from the hands of the NRP. Labour, in the 29 years of its coalition partnership with the Mafdal, always made sure to hold on to that ministry and keep it out of the religious party's hands. It knew what it was about.

Under the aegis of the disarmingly mild-mannered Zevulun Hammer, the ministry has for seven years conducted an insidious policy of discrimination against the (secular) State system, which the vast majority of schoolchildren attend, in favour of the various religious trends.

Worse, in the last year and more, Hammer's ministry has begun to back the trend towards ultra-religiosity in the State Religious stream, which seeks to undermine its own ostensible support for ethnic integration.

Perhaps the worst sufferers during Hammer's tenure have been the institutions of higher learning. Despite the justifiable chagrin over the recent revelations regarding the university presidents' and rectors' feathering of their own nests, there is no doubt that in a period of widespread economic liberalism, the universities have been almost the only victims of far-reaching belt-tightening.

One can only hope that minister-designate Yitzhak Navon will not become mesmerized by the false glamour of participation in the "Foreign Affairs and Defence" cabinet, and will devote most of his energies to the things that have to be changed in his own bailiwick.

LEGISLATION AND MONEY: The agreement between Labour and the Likud includes a clause guaran-

teeing the religious status quo and ruling out the tabling of religious bills by individual MKs without approval by the full cabinet. Even if this clause is watered down before the government takes office, it is an apt expression of the perception of the reduced power of the religious coalition partners.

It is a reasonable inference that if strong opposition to it continues, the Who is a Jew legislation will simply not be permitted to be tabled, or that it will be defeated in the House in an open vote.

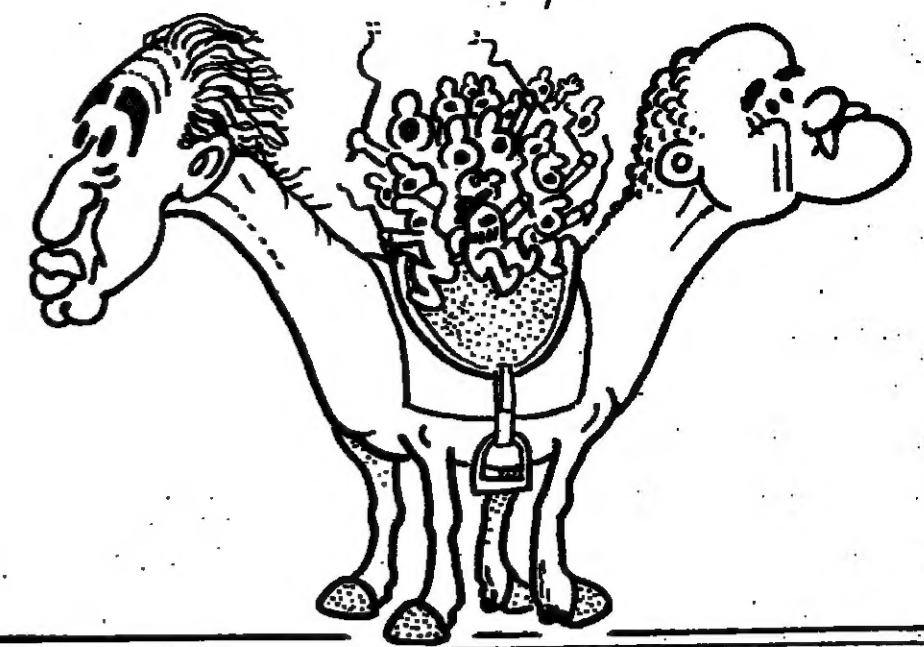
One can make a similar reference in regard to the continued pumping of money, both above board and under the table, to the myriad religious institutions that have been sharing in the spoils in the past seven years. In a dried-up economy, where many aspects of welfare, education and health will be seriously decreased, not to mention the cutting of the defence budget, even the presence of Aguda's Avraham Shapira as chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee will not be able to ensure the continued full flowering of the Aguda's "golden age."

THE POLICE: Dr. Yosef Burg has been to the police what a series of Likud finance ministers have been to the economy: nothing short of ruinous. He insinuated his religious outlook in police confrontations both with ultra-religious and with religious-nationalist zealots. His neglect of his police duties also contributed to the steady undermining of the force's fragile morale.

Incoming minister of police Haim Barlev was nothing to write home about as minister of industry and commerce in the Golda Meir and Rabin cabinets, but he should be a

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distinct improvement on the good doctor on both these counts.

WIN SOME-LOSE SOME: Arik Sharon is regrettably but unavoidably in. But Yoram Aridor is out. It is hard to think of another single minister, with the exception of Moshe Dayan in the Yom Kippur War, who has been directly responsible for causing as much damage to the national interest as Aridor has to the economy.

Dayan was forced to pay the political price. It would have been too depressing to contemplate the possibility that Aridor would have been included in a cabinet formed expressly to pull off a last-minute rescue of the economy he had so imperilled, as if nothing had happened. Even in the Israeli politics of unaccountability, that would have been going too far.

In this regard, Prime Minister Shamir deserves a vote of thanks for sticking to his principles and running the risk of keeping Aridor out despite Arik Sharon's and David Levy's ire.

ABUHAZBEIRA AND TAMI: The fact that Abaron Abuhazbeira, the only former cabinet minister to have been convicted of embezzling public funds, and reputed to be one of the slickest politicians around, was not included, must be regarded as proof of the existence of divine retribution.

To which one should add a sigh of relief over the rescue of the Ministries of Labour and Social Affairs, and Immigrant Absorption from the clutches of his party, which in its phoenix-like career specialized in honing to new perfection the principles of protektzia in top-level

appointments not seen since the Mafai of the 1950s at its worst.

NEW FACES AND CUTTINGS DOWN TO SIZE: Moshe Katsav, one of the up and coming Herut mayors of development towns, should be a welcome fresh face around the cabinet table.

David Levy, with his pretensions to the premiership, has been cut down to size and his aspirations, stymied, while a new crop of Sephardi and second-generation "fighting family" of politicians has been advanced in Herut.

A sense of balance has been restored in the position of Ezer Weizman. Neither his performance in the first Begin cabinet nor the three seats he won in these elections ever warranted the pretensions he had to any of the top ministries in the cabinet.

OPPOSITION: Mafai's decision, at long last, to split away from the alignment with Labour, together with Yossi Sarid's defection to Ratz, will guarantee a lively parliamentary opposition on the left to an overly large government coalition. Tahya should perform an equally useful role on the right.

And while listing these silver linings, and for all the bemoaning of the entry of a Meir Kahane into the Knesset, should one really overlook the fact that the electorate seems finally to have rid itself of the domination of a Flatto-Shamir in the Knesset?

With all these silver linings, can the clouds be that black?

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

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